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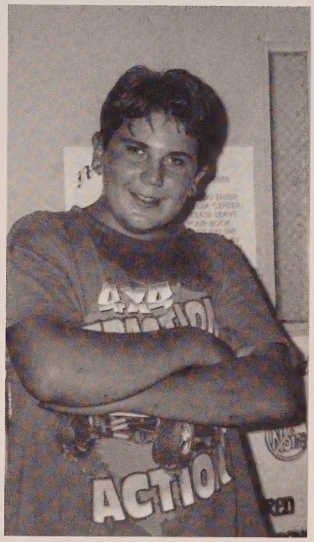

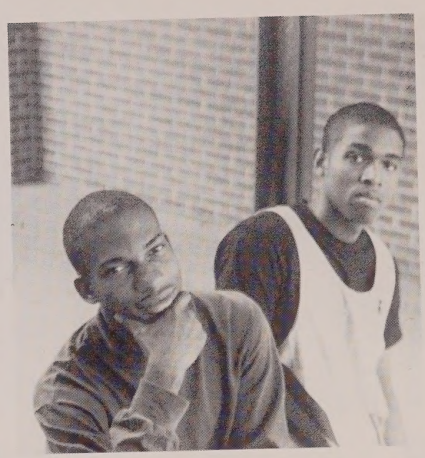

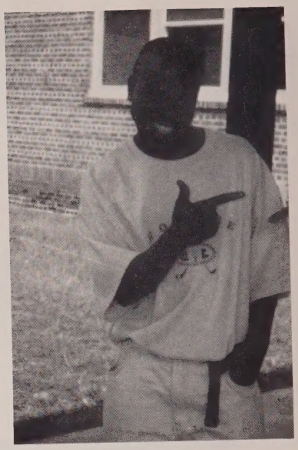

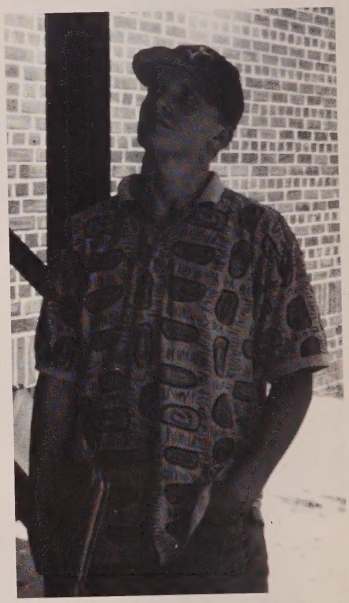

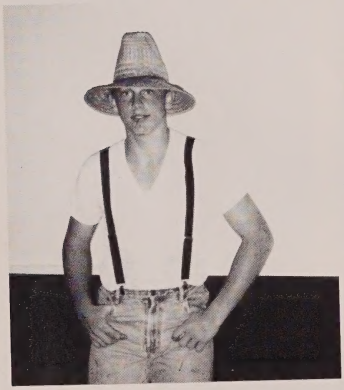

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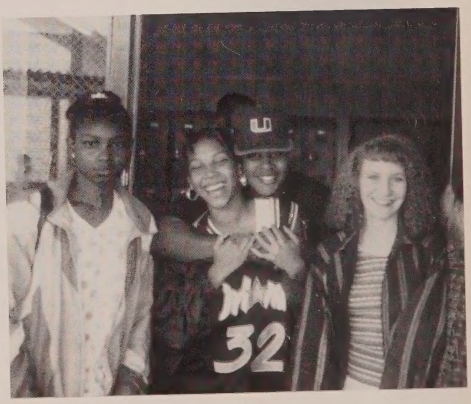

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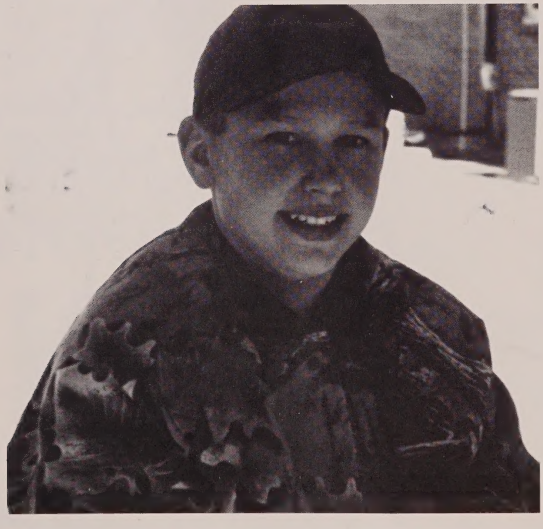
Student Life is the one part of the yearbook that gives us a chance to let everyone know just what Vernon High School students are all about. From games to lunch time to just hanging out with friends, Vernon High School students can always seem to have fun.

Andrea Everitt and Rebecca Lovett pause to smile for the camera before going to get their lunch. They look excited about it. Maybe it's meatloaf.

A group of friends gather at lunch to find out the juicy Vernon gossip.



Above: Freshman Shane Whitaker takes a break in the shade from his grueling new high school curriculum. Quite a change from Middle School ,huh, Shane?

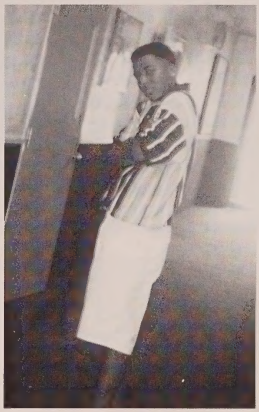
Lunchtime!

Junior Patrice Roberts has always been rather peculiar. We all really began to worry when we caught her sneaking down the halls at lunchtime picking six-legged appetizers off the walls. We've always wondered how she stays so slim!

Never A Dull Moment

Joan Miller, Shasta Brock, Natalie Haddock, Julia Pooser, and Karen Gilley: senior friendships that will last a lifetime.

Wadzeeh Jackson sneers at the camera on his way down the hall. Go on wit' yo' bad self!



Angela Borrell and Natasha Rodriguez strike a flirtatious pose for the guys on the opposite team. Nice way to support your team ladies!

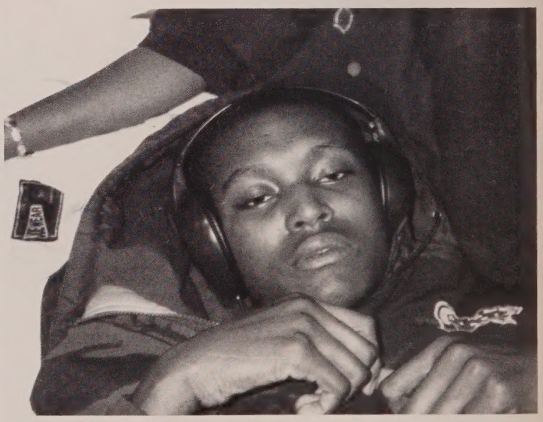
Vernon High School students get very excited when the last bell of the day rings. Andrae Reed is no exception as he prances prettily for Letisha Andrews.

Juniors Aimee Reupke and Celesica Howell realize that even though they don't know what's going on they can still have fun!

"Rosa Milán" (Jesús) with "her" male escort (Jennifer Williams) won the first annual Miss Sugar Baby Pageant. "She" was very excited and is proud to hold the title.

Tamika Edwards strikes a pose during sixth period journalism class. What are you doing on the floor, Tamika?

Anthony Brown puts on his headphones and lets the lullabies lull him to sleep after a rough day at school.



Left: Brandon Brown stares remotely into space pondering the meaning of life.

Below: Tonya Johns stops to smile while flipping through the card catalog in the VHS library.

Above: Sixth period drama students gather around the table to pratice the play entitled *Slothfulness.*

Left: Vonetta Siples is extremely excited about the game. We must be winning!

Left: Katresa Roberts, Patrice Roberts, and Vanessa Leigh Miyazato capture the glamor of Vernon High School. Love the glasses girls! What do you think Vanessa is trying to show off?!

HOMECOMING

Homecoming this year was held on October 20, 1995. All week students dressed up as follows: Monday was Collegiate Day, Tuesday was Mourning Day (students wore clothing appropriate for the mourning of the Apalachicola Sharks), Wednesday was Farmer Day, Thursday was Hippy Day, and Friday, as usual, was Orange and Blue Day.

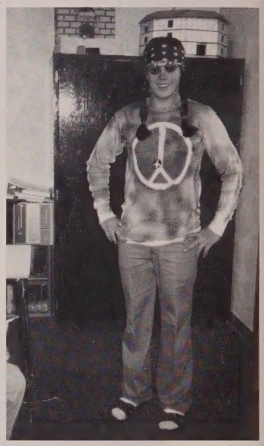
During the week students had fun participating in the lunchtime activities, which included the tennis ball pass, a jello-eating contest, the "guess the mascot" activity, and the tug-of-war contest. As in previous years, on Friday students were dismissed from class after homeroom to work on floats and to participate in Silly Olympics (or at least laugh at those who were participating). The parade was followed by the pep rally and the announcement of the float winners: first place—Freshmen, second place—Sophomores, and third place—Juniors.

The pregame show started at 7 p.m. The homecoming nominees were escorted by the football players who nominated them.

The half-time ceremony was memorable as each attendant and nominee was escorted onto the field by her father. The crowd awaited the announcement: third runner-up Karen Gilley, second runner-up Amanda Pettis, and the 1995 Homecoming Queen Tynisha Peterson!

No one could have asked for a better homecoming game. The first half was rather tense, as the score was only 8-6 in our favor at half-time. However, by the end of the game, the Jackets won by a score of 23-6!

Below: Freshman, Travis Brock shows his school spirit on Hippy Day in his father's clothes.



Right: A bunch of Vernon farmers hanging out after lunch on Farmer Day.

Far right: Sophomores work on their float the day of Homecoming. The overall theme: Time to Make It Count.

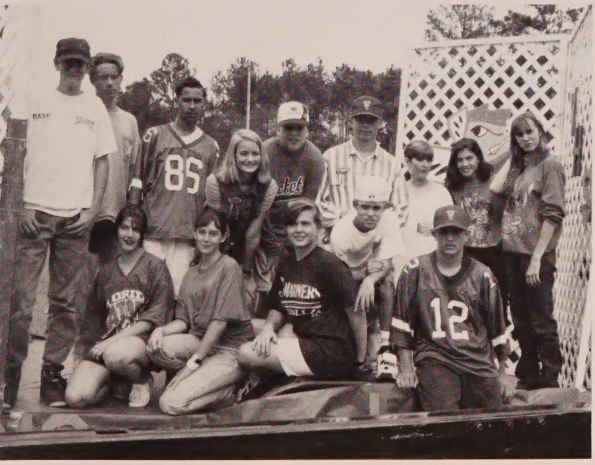
At right: the varsity cheerleaders take a rest after the awesome pep rally dance.

Left: Juadon Smith and Vicky Potter show off their hippy attire.

Below: Eve Dubose adds some finishing touches to the shark on the senior class float.

Below: Seniors, Karen Gilley and Shasta Brock, take a plunge after winning the piggy-back race.

The crowd in the gym for the homecoming pep rally (especially the freshmen) look expectantly toward center stage to find out which class won the blue ribbon for best float in the parade.



The Freshmen gather on their float for a group picture. Their float later won first place.

The 1995 Miss Vernon, Niki Anderson, waves to the crowd.

'95 Homecoming Queen & Runners-Up

During half-time ceremonies, Tynisha Peterson was named homecoming queen. She was elected by popular vote of the student body in grades 9-12. Second runner-up was Karen Gilley (shown on Tynisha's right), and the first runner-up was Amanda Pettis.

The homecoming attendants were as follows:
Freshman attendant—Misty Burch, Sophomore attendant—Natasha Rodriguez, and Junior attendant— Angela Borrell.

Homecoming nominees were Lisa Blankenship nominated by Roman Paprzycki, Niki Anderson nominated by Will Crawford, Joan Miller nominated by John Finch, Jamie Wilson nominated by Michael Cook, Karen Gilley nominated by Carlos Hernadez, Tynisha Peterson nominated by Chris Strayhand, Amanda Pettis nominated by Bobby Ekstrom, April Jenkins nominated by Shaun Rhodes, Jessica Loop nominated by John Owens, Amy Moon nominated by Thad Enfinger, and Rachel Walsingham nominated by Jesús Milán.

Eleventh Grade Attendant
Angela Borrell

Tenth Grade Attendant
Misty Burch

Ninth Grade Attendant
Natasha Rodriguez

Awesome

The Big Game

The Vernon Yellow Jackets gave the alumni a treat on Friday, October 20, 1995, as they defeated the Apalachicola Sharks in the homecoming game. A large crowd was on hand to enjoy the game, and they were definitely not disappointed.

The Jackets got on the board midway through the first period,when they scored a safety. Vernon got the ball back after the Sharks' next possession and struck quickly. With the ball at midfield, QB Matt Hall hooked up with Will Crawford on a fifty-yard touchdown strike. The point-after failed, making the score 8-0.

In the second quarter the Sharks had their only successful drive, scoring a touchdown but missing on the point-after attempt. The score was then 8-6 at half-time.

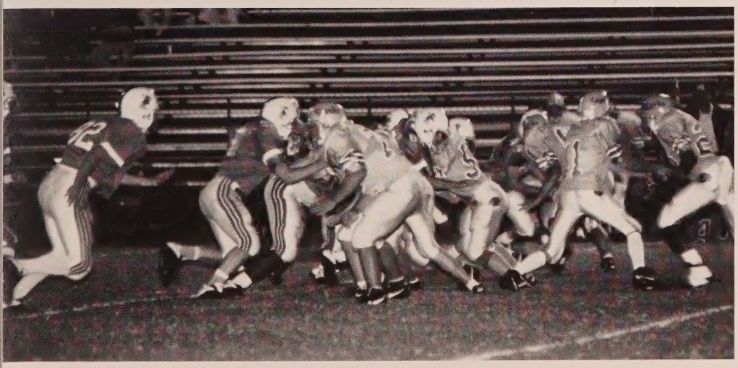
The third quarter was a defensive battle as neither squad could get much offense going, until the Jacket defense struck once again.

After driving deep into Shark territory before coming up short, the defense, led by senior Bobby Ekstrom, stopped the Shark runner behind his own goal line for the second safety of the game. This made the score 10-6 in favor of the Jackets.

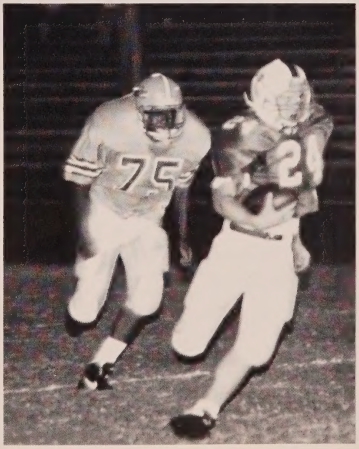
Mere moments later, the Yellow Jackets got on the board again. Upon forcing the Sharks to punt, junior Jonathan Willoughby streaked in from the outside. Carlos Hernandez, senior running-back, then ran for 47 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point attempt failed, and Vernon led by a margin of 16-6.

With five minutes left in the game, Will Crawford raced 38 yards for the final TD of the night. Senior foreign exchange student Jesús Milán succeeded in making the extra point, and the Jackets had their final score of 23-6.

Carlos had 100 yards rushing with a touchdown reception, while Will had 92 yards rushing with a TD. Sophomore quarterback Matt Hall had only two completions for the night, but they counted for two touchdowns.



Left: The Mighty Yellow Jackets run onto the field before the game.Vernon's defensive line holds the Apalachicola Sharks. Below: Will Crawford runs the ball for another TD.



MISS VERNON HIGH SCHOOL

The annual Miss Vernon High School Pageant was held on October 10, 1995. It was sponsored by the Vernon High School Student Council and was held in the cafeteria.

The Little Miss Vernon Elementary School pageant was held first, followed by the Junior Miss division, and then the Miss category.

The winner of the Miss Vernon Elementary pageant was Rebecca Sapp. Winning the title of Junior Miss Vernon was Amy Boyce, and the new Miss Vernon High School was Angela Borrell.

Angela Borrell
Miss Vernon High School

Above, Angela Borrell, a junior, poses for pictures after being crowned Miss Vernon High School.

Right, first runner-up in the Miss Vernon High School Pageant Angie Sapp, a sophomore; Miss Vernon High School Angela Borrell; and second runner-up Robin Walsingham, a senior.

Junior Miss Vernon Amy Boyce stands with Angela Borrell and the Little Miss Vernon Rebecca Sapp.

MISS VERNON

The Miss Vernon Pageant was held on March 23, 1996. There were six divisions in the pageant. First was the Tiny Tot division, with Kendyl Ward being crowned queen. The Middle Miss winner was Jessica Howell, and the Young Miss queen was Gracie Slay. Next came the Teen Miss division. The winner of this contest was Samantha Cook. The winner of the Junior Miss Vernon pageant was Angie Sapp.

All that remained after this was the crowning of the Miss Vernon Pageant, the winner of which would go on to compete at the National Peanut Festival Pageant in Dothan, Alabama. After each contestant had answered her on-stage interview question, the 1996 Miss Vernon was announced: **Herrika Lovett**! Herrika graduated from Vernon in 1995 with high honors and is currently attending Chipola Junior College in Marianna.

Above, Middle Miss Vernon Jessica Howell, Young Miss Vernon Gracie Slay, and Tiny Tot Miss Vernon Kendyl Ward.

At left, Teen Miss Vernon Samantha Cook, Miss Vernon Herrika Lovett, and Junior Miss Vernon Angie Sapp.

Drama Play

Above: Tony Simmons and Thad Enfinger duel it out in one of the exciting scenes from this year's drama performance of *Robin Hood*.

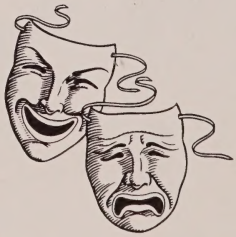
Right: Shaun Rhodes and Barry Harper try to imitate Tony and Thad's scene with a little less enthusiasm.

Above: Mandy Anderson, Heather Collins, Sabrina Baxley, April Jenkins and Alite Jackson stop for a break between scenes in the play.

Top: The drama class poses after an excellent performance.

Right: Amy Moon and Ashley Zurica attempt to look holy in their Robin Hood dress.

Above: Mel Brown, Clinton Phillips, Lillian Potter, Kristal Shelley, Natasha Johnson, Jason Coatney, Tony Simmons, and Barry Harper sit down after what looks to have been a rough meal.



ICC Banquet

The Inter-Club Council Banquet was held this year to honor members of various clubs. The clubs that participated included the Beta Club, Future Educators of America (FEA), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Future Farmers of America (FFA), Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Key Club, Student Council, and the Bible Club.

Left: Members of the Key Club take a moment to smile for the camera. Pictured are Misty Burch, Shanna Cook, Will Crawford, Amy Moon, Susan Rash, Jennifer Evans, Leah Buswell, Angie Sapp, Angela Borrell, Tammie Morris, Jesús Milán, Molly Carter, Jeff Riley, Mellissa Tharp, Joan Miller, and Niki Anderson.

Far left, Jeff Riley and Lena Green accept awards in FBLA.

Left, club members and their parents enjoy the covered-dish dinner in the VHS cafeteria.

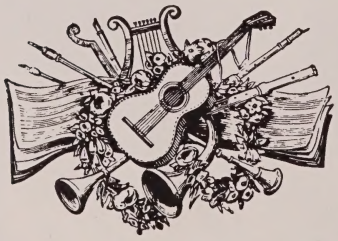
FFA members are awarded for their efforts on various teams throughout the school year. From left to right, Jason Rogers, Jeremy Sapp, Tiffany Pettis, Erica Johnson, Lacey Tison, Martha Alford, Heather Worthington, Olen Pettis, and Jeff Riley.

Band Banquet

The band season ended this year like many others, with the band walking away with countless awards and honors. This year's band was extremely hard working and dedicated to seeing their band excel in every aspect. In every team there are a few who stand out above the rest, but to be a successful band everyone must strive to give 110 percent. This year's band showed us how important that value is. This band banquet honored those members.

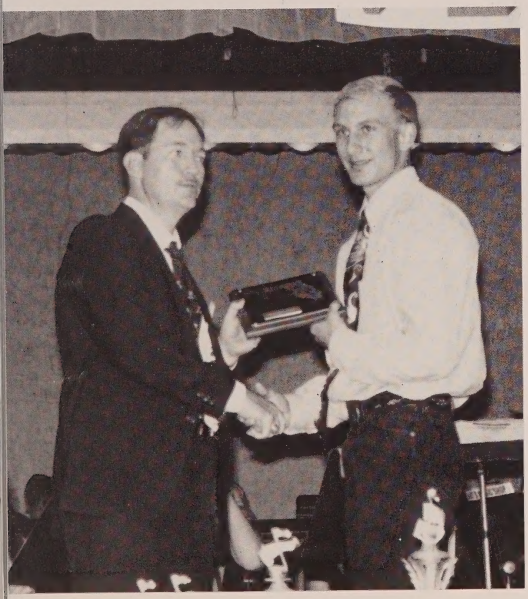
Right: Mr. Seaboch and John Harcus give us a smile after John was presented with the John Phillip Sousa award.

Right: Seniors Charles Pate, David Greer, David McDermott, and Paul Shipley receive their awards presented by Mr. Seaboch.



Left: Jennifer Evans is presented with the Senior High Award. Jennifer looks like she's received a few awards in her time.

Bottom: John Harcus is recognized again as an outstanding band member. He is raking in the awards tonight.



Lonnie Cook smiles after finishing many good years in the band. Lonnie received the Florida Band Masters Award.

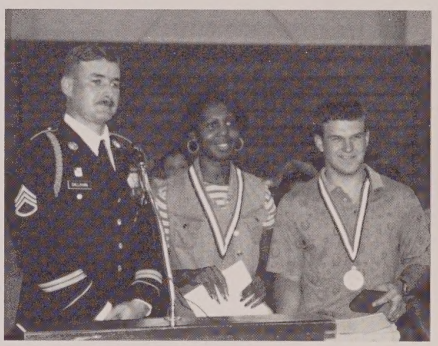
Samantha Cook is awarded a plaque for outstanding achievement by band director, James Seaboch.

Senior/Underclassmen Awards Assemblies

At the end of each school year VHS students are honored at awards assemblies. The senior awards assembly was devoted to honoring the seniors and listening to their history, prophecy, and last wills. The underclassmen awards assembly honored ninth, tenth, and eleventh graders. The 1996-97 Student Council officers were initiated during the assembly.

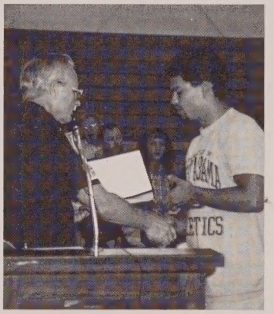
Top right: Will Crawford accepts an award for being FCA president from Mr. Tyre.

Right: Tynisha Peterson and Will Crawford receive scholar athlete awards.



Major Greg Kuneman presents Michael Saturley with the numerous awards he has won for his outstanding work and leadership in Vernon's JROTC chapter.

Carlos Hernandez is presented a D.A.R.E. certificate in praise of the example he sets for other students.



Miss Lloyd recognizes seniors who participated in various math olympiads throughout the school year. Some receiving awards are Julia Pooser, Natalie Haddock, Lonnie Cook, and Will Crawford.

Top: Louie Fromm receives the Naval Award. This award is given to a student who shows the qualities looked for in a naval cadet.

Above: Mr. Pennington presents Lena Green with an award for good grades.

Right: Will Seemer is recognized for his outstanding writing ability.

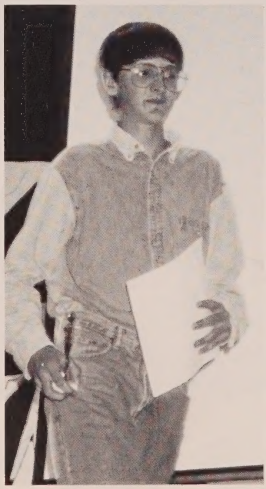
Academic Banquet

This year the student council sponsored a banquet in association with Vernon High School's various business partners recognizing students with good grades or improved grades.

Each student recognized for academic achievement received a number of free coupons from local businesses, a trophy, and participated in a video presentation courtesy of Rick Everitt.

Students, their parents, VHS faculty and administrators, and many business people and county officials were in attendance at this first annual event. Everyone enjoyed a good meal and watched and applauded as students' academic acheivements were highlighted. The night was truly special for everyone involved.

At left, master and mistress of ceremonies, Bruce Smith and Sherry Sapp, parents of Vernon students, make some opening comments at the beginning of the awards ceremony.



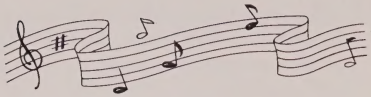
Above left, are seniors who made the A or A/B honor roll.

Above are the juniors who were on the honor roll at least once during the school year.

Far left, the sophomores and the freshmen who received academic distinction by making the honor roll in 1995-96.

Left, ninth grader Jesse English receives his certificate and trophy for academic achievement.

1996 Junior-Senior Prom



The 1996 Junior-Senior Prom was held on April 12, 1996 at the Holiday Inn in Panama City. The Junior class worked very hard to make the night special for this year's senior class. Several students took a day off of school to decorate the room with teal, purple, and black.

The evening started with an address from the junior class president, Andrea Everitt. She welcomed everybody and wished them all to have a good time. Everyone partied to the tunes of High Voltage. Bobby Ekstrom, Ben Carter, Thad Enfinger, Michael Cook, and of course, Chris Strayhand really got down as the Village People during the song *YMCA*.

Of course the party got quiet as the 1996 prom king and queen were announced. The king was Carlos Hernandez. As his name was announced, he walked up to be crowned. Then, the queen was announced: Amanda Pettis. But the queen couldn't receive her crown at the moment: She was in the bathroom!! She was crowned belatedly.

Overall the night was a success. Everyone had a lot of fun and many memories were made for the junior and senior classes.

Above, senior prom attendees pose: Mel Brown, Tynisha Peterson, Joan Miller, Shasta Brock, Lisa Blankenship, Niki Anderson, Carlos Hernandez, Danny Paul, Rusty Weathers, and Will Crawford.

Right, Elvis Brown and Letisha Andrews are all smiles for the camera.

Susan Rash steals the spotlight in her beautiful white gown as she stands with date Barry Harper

Above center, Tamesha Hearne wonders why Larry McDonald always acts the way he does.

Mr. Maldon and his wife pose for the photographer when suddenly Shaun Rhodes interrupts.

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At top, Prom goers line up for the traditional toast.

Above left, Katresa Roberts tries the tiara on for size when she and other juniors and their sponsors decorate on the morning of the prom.

Above right, Bobby Ekstrom, Ben Carter and others remake the legend of the Village People as they try (some would say unsuccessfully) to add the proper arm movements to *YMCA*.

Left, a group of Seniors get together to toast a happy future.

Right, LaShonda Bell and James Potter wait for others to arrive before stepping out on the dance floor.

Make it Last Forever

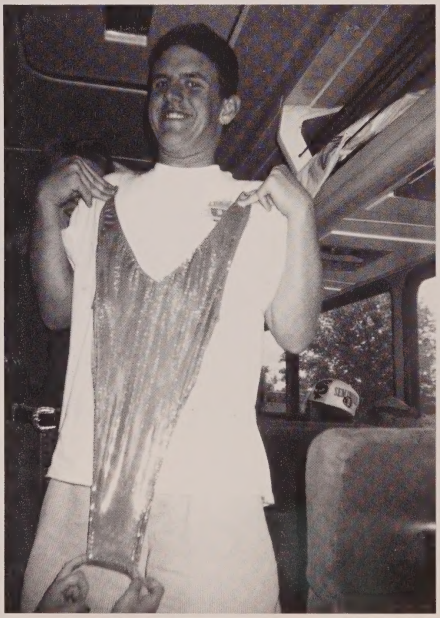
SENIOR TRIP '96

Seniors pose with new fashionable glasses after viewing the 4-d Muppets Show at the MGM Blast Off Party.

Here's the brave bunch in a prideful pose after tackling the biggest, scariest 120-ft. slide at Blizzard Beach: the Summit Plummet!

Left, Chris Strayhand snuggles with his "blankie" to comfort himself during the long bus trip.

Right, April Jenkins struggles to recover from her death-defying ride down the biggest slide at Blizzard Beach.



Above, Karen Gilley, Joan Miller, and Julia Pooser dazzle us with their glamorous smiles that expose their obvious senior excitement.

Left, With the help of some understanding friends, Barry Harper struggles to decide what he would like to wear to the water park. It's got to be something that will turn heads!

The Senior Trip of 1996—A group of seniors that were very ready to party, a chartered bus, and a sunny destination: what could make for a better time?! The whole exhausting, but well-worth-it trip started on Saturday, May 4, 1996 at 2:30, yes 2:30, in the morning. The seniors, most of whom were barely even awake, piled on the bus and headed down south in search of sun, fun, and parties.

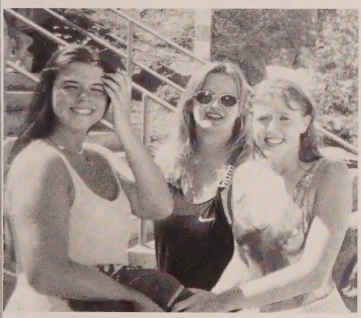
Upon their arrival in Orlando, the seniors found they were well ahead of schedule, so off to the Blizzard Beach Water Park at Walt Disney World it was. After braving even the worst water slides, the seniors went to the Comfort Inn to dry off and get ready for a night of partying. First stop was the MGM Blast Off Party located at MGM Studios. There the seniors rode the Tower of Terror: the ride voted to be the best in the partk. After riding some rides and catching a 4-D movie, it was time to go to GRAD NIGHT—the ultimate senior party. About one million seniors from all over Florida gathered to party all night long to the live performances of Silk, Rembrandt, Sammy Kershaw, and Immature.

Unfortunately, the seniors wound up having to sleep in the parking lot for most of the night, because the bus driver never received his wake-up call. Overall, though, the trip was great—a night of memories for the seniors of 1996!

Left, Amanda Pettis poses for a pic with Mrs. Register before going out to party at Grad Night.

Above, senior girls dry off at the Comfort Inn after returning from Blizzard Beach.

Right, Karen Gilley, Joan Miller, Julia Pooser, Lisa Blankenship, and Mandy Chambers looking glamorously soaked at the water park.



Far left, Amy Moon, Mrs. Register, and April Jenkins give an apprehensive smile to the camera before braving the Summit Plummet.

Left, Amanda Pettis, Barry Harper, April Jenkins, and Amy Moon relax on the bus after a tiring day at the water park.

Below left, Mandy, Jessinta, and April bond over a nail polishing

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Graduation 1996

The Baccalaureate service for the Vernon High School graduating class of 1996 was held on Wednesday, May 29, 1996 at the Vernon Evangelistic Church. The service began at 8:00 p.m. with the seniors proudly marching in to Elgar's *Pomp and Circumstance*. After the invocation by Amy Moon, senior class secretary, a musical selection, *Wind Beneath my Wings*, was sung by Karen Gilley. Mr. Riley made a few announcements and then Rev. Malcolm Roberts, VHS alumnus of 1943, began his Baccalaureate address. He praised the students and wished them well and reminded them to keep focused. Amanda Pettis, senior class vice-president, gave the benediction and the students marched out, one step closer to their graduation.

Graduation Exercises were held on Friday, May 31, 1996 at 8:00 p.m. under a clear night sky at the Vernon High School Football Stadium. JROTC performed the opening ceremony and the 1996 senior class once again marched in together to *Pomp and Circumstance* for the final time. The invocation was given by Lisa Blankenship, the class salutatorian. Everyone, the class and the audience, then sang *America*. Joan Miller, the senior class president and valedictorian, stood to give the welcome address and then her Valedictory speech. Karen Gilley sang once again. This time the selection was *Count on Me*. Principal Howard Riley then began to award honors.

The 1996 honors graduates included Jennifer Everitt, Robin Walsingham, Natalie Haddock, Clinton Phillips, Amy McDade, David Greer, and Tony Simmons. Graduating with high honors were Joan Miller, Lisa Blankenship, Nicole Anderson, Melisande Brown, Shasta Brock, Erica Brown, Lonnie Cook, Rusty Weathers, Tynisha Peterson, Will Crawford, Julia Pooser, Danny Paul, Rachel Walsingham, Demetria Peterson, Amanda Pettis, and John Harcus.

Finally, Superintendent of Washington County Schools, Bill Williams, awarded a nervous, yet jubilant, graduating class their diplomas. Out of sheer excitement and anticipation for the future the new graduates threw their caps up a little too soon. But after Mr. Riley calmed everyone down, they went ahead and sang the Alma Mater. Then, finally, he told them to turn their tassels and spoke those magical words, "I present to you the graduating class of 1996." After thirteen long, hard years, they were free!!!

The Graduating Class of 1996

Left: Joan Miller is a picture of grace as she gives her welcome address and her valedictory speech.

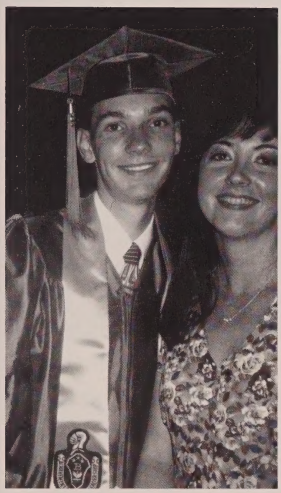
Right: Buddy and Margaret Chesnut, parents of Tyler Chesnut, received a cap and a diploma on Tyler's behalf.

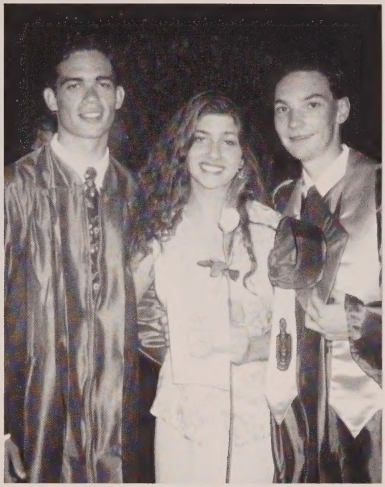
Vicki Bishop accepts her diploma from Mr. Riley and Mr. Williams.

Above: Seniors are recognized for winning scholarships.

Right: The ceremony is over and the new graduates throw their caps up in an act of joy and relief.

"What lies before us and what lies behind us are small matters compared to what lies within us."
-Ralph Waldo Emmerson





Clockwise, from top left:
Stephen "Rusty" Weathers says goodbye to Mrs. Bush.

Karen Gilley and Will Crawford bid each other tearful congratulations.

Angela Borrell, a junior, congratulates the two new graduates, Jesús Mílan and Rusty Weathers.

Karen Gilley embraces Thad Enfinger with bittersweet goodbyes.

A group of proud new graduates pose for a final picture: Heather Collins, Michael Saturley, Star Gainey, Bobby Ekstrom, Eve Dubose, Michael Cook, and Jamie Wilson.

Clarissa Medina poses happily with her boyfriend.

High Honors and Honors

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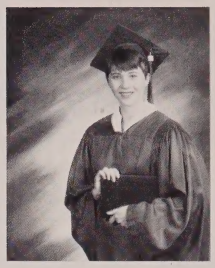
HH: Lisa Blankenship


HH: Shasta Brock

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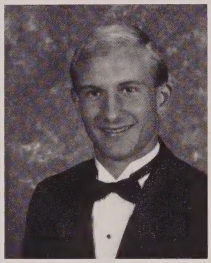
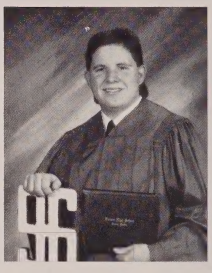

HH: Lonnie Cook

HH: Will Crawford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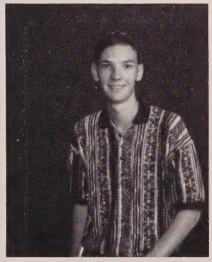
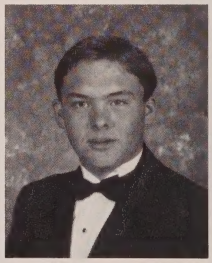

HH: Rusty Weathers

H: Jennifer Everett


H: David Greer

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Honors:
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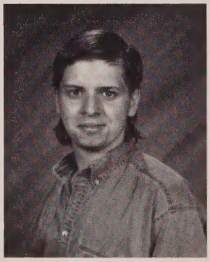
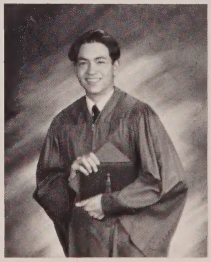
Tony Simmons
Robin Walsingham





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Above: Mel Brown and Erica Brown are "cheesing" for the camera. Nice outfits guys!

Top right: John Harcus, Danny Paul, Rusty Weathers, Lonnie Cook, Jesús Milán, and kneeling Tony Simmons. Where'd you get the tights, Jesús?

Middle right: Rusty Weathers and Clarissa Medina look real enthused at the prospect of giving a speech.

Bottom right: Mrs. Bush's second period class had fun dressing up as characters from The Canterbury Tales. They are Sky Skipper, Joy Shuman, Lynette Porter, Star Gainey, Natasha Johnson, Carlos Hernandez, Amanda Pettis, Michael Cook, Tiffiny Garrison, Cory Brown, Andrae Reed, Thad Enfinger, Karen Gilley, and Jamie Wilson.

NOW get it!

Canterbury Tales/ Great Expectations

Academics are a major part of life at Vernon High School, but it's not all work and no fun. Students and teachers both set high goals for themselves and do their best to meet them. Mrs. Bush's English IV classes got a break from their rigid schedules to dress up like the characters in Chaucer's Prologue to the Canterbury Tales, gave summaries of their characters, and had a feast. All of the students did a good job at coming up with costumes. Mrs. Shores' ninth grade English class also got a break when they acted out scenes from Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations.*

Top: Sabrina Baxley, Barry Harper, Joan Miller, Lisa Blankenship, and Shasta Brock are all taking a break after their summaries.

Above: April Jenkins is demonstrating her great ability as a knight to use her sword to fight off evil.

Above: Lacey Tison as Miss Havisham shows us her great acting abilities by reciting a scene from *Great Expectations.*

Left: Stephanie Walsingham is watching intently a scene being played out in front of her.

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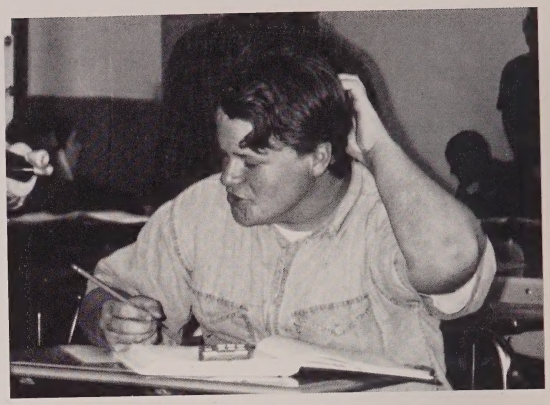
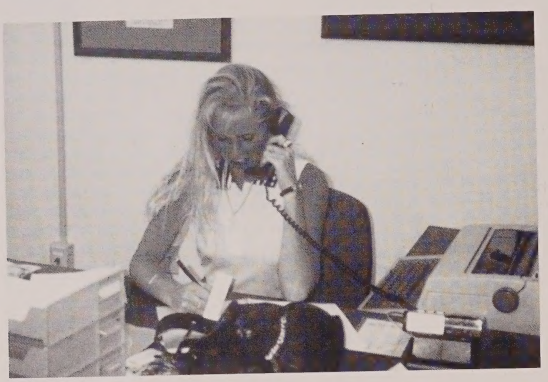
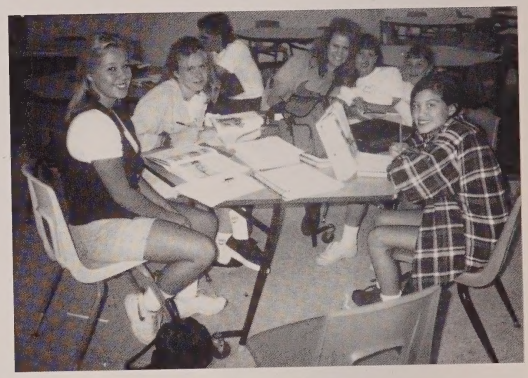


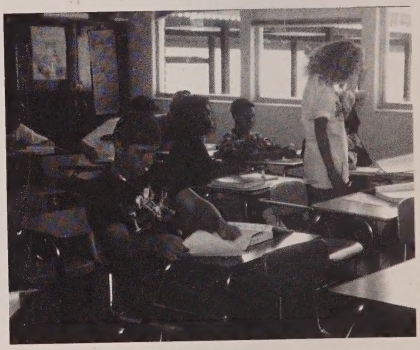
The teachers here at VHS are constantly trying to come up with different ways to make learning fun. And sometimes it even works!

Mrs. Bush's English II Honors Class had fun at the Feast of Lupercal after reading the play *Julius Caesar*. They dressed in togas, brought food, and performed scenes from the play.

A lot of the students decided to take community service this year. It was their way of repaying our teachers for all of their hard work and dedication. We thought of several other things that we could tell you about VHS academics but then, well . . . **NEVER MIND!**







Top right: Jeff Newsome appears to be contemplating a difficult math problem.

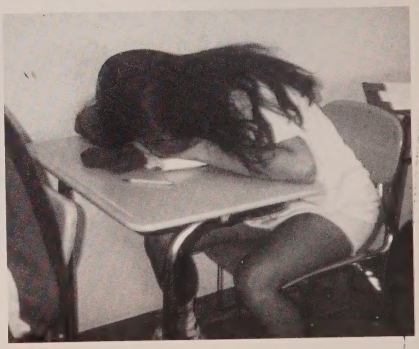
Center left: C.J. shows us the skills she learned while taking a community service class in the office.

Center right: Some of Mr. Pennington's drama students are glad to take a break from book work and smile for a picture.

Above: Mrs. Bushy Wushy's English IV honors class seems to be drained after a hard class period.

Above right: Reggie Worthington gets ready for the end of the day.

Right: Dreaming about math won't help you learn it, Celesica!

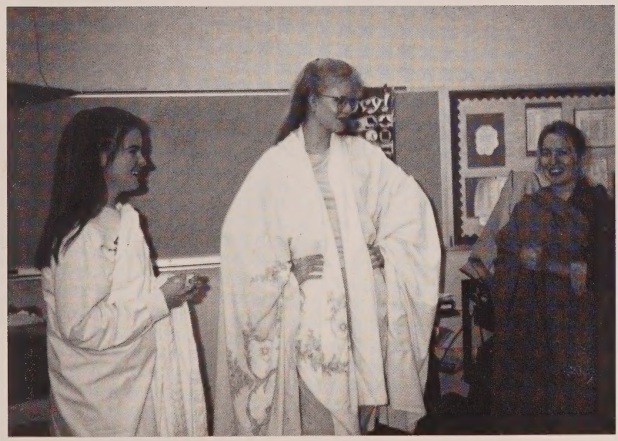


Top left: April Todd flashes us a pretty smile before dashing off to class.

Above: Mr. Patterson's class seems real enthused about English.

Far left: These drummers look tired after a hard day of practice.

Left: Amy Moon takes a minute out of her busy schedule to pose for the camera.



Above left: Misty Burch, Molly Carter, and Shanna Cook are acting out a scene from *Julius Caesar*.

Above: Leah Buswell shows us her great acting ability while Mindy Williams laughs at her behind her back.

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JROTC

The JROTC unit here at VHS has fought long and hard to keep their award winning program. When the war was over, Vernon High School was victorious, enabling them to keep their program here in Vernon.

The JROTC showed their true colors in the thorough inspection held on February 6. The following cadets were briefed on their responsibilities and accomplishments: Commander—LTC Michael Saturley, S-3 Operation—SFC Star Gainey, S-1 Administration—1LT Dawn Bullivant, S-2/5 Publicity Affairs Safety/Security—2LT Shaun Rhodes, S-4 Logistics—SSG Mindy Williams, and Marksmanship Instructor—SFC Louie Fromm. They were awarded 90 out of 100 points.

Then the cadets participated in an In-Rank Inspection. The unit scored a 92 out of a possible 100 points. Next, the Color Guard and Drill Team performed, scoring 45 out of 50 and 47 out of 50, respectively.

The last competition concerned how well the staff performed their responsibilities. There were four staff sections, and three out of four performed a perfect 50. The fourth section received a 46 out of 50.

The unit closed the inspection with 594 out of 600 points, giving the unit a 95%—one of the highest rankings ever for a JROTC program as "young" as ours!

Members of the Marksmanship Team practice their prone firing position while Marksmanship Instructor Dawn Bullivant observes their performances

At right, JROTC members pose during a field trip: T. Noss, K. Taylor, H. Collins, S. Gainey, M. Austin, E. Campbell, H. Allen, W. Wilson, Mrs. K. Register (chaperone), and W. Jackson.

Leading the Way

The staff and color guard pose after a battalion formation. Standing are staff members S-1—1LT Dawn Bullivant, S-2/5—SSG Vicky Potter, Battalion Commander—LTC Michael Saturley, S-3—PVT Karen Clark, S-4—2LT Heather Collins, S-4—SSG Mindy Williams, S-2/5—CPL Shaun Rhodes. Kneeling are color guard members PFC David Cheverie, PFC Timothy Potter, PFC Earl Evans, PFC Rachel Matney, and SFC Louie Fromm.

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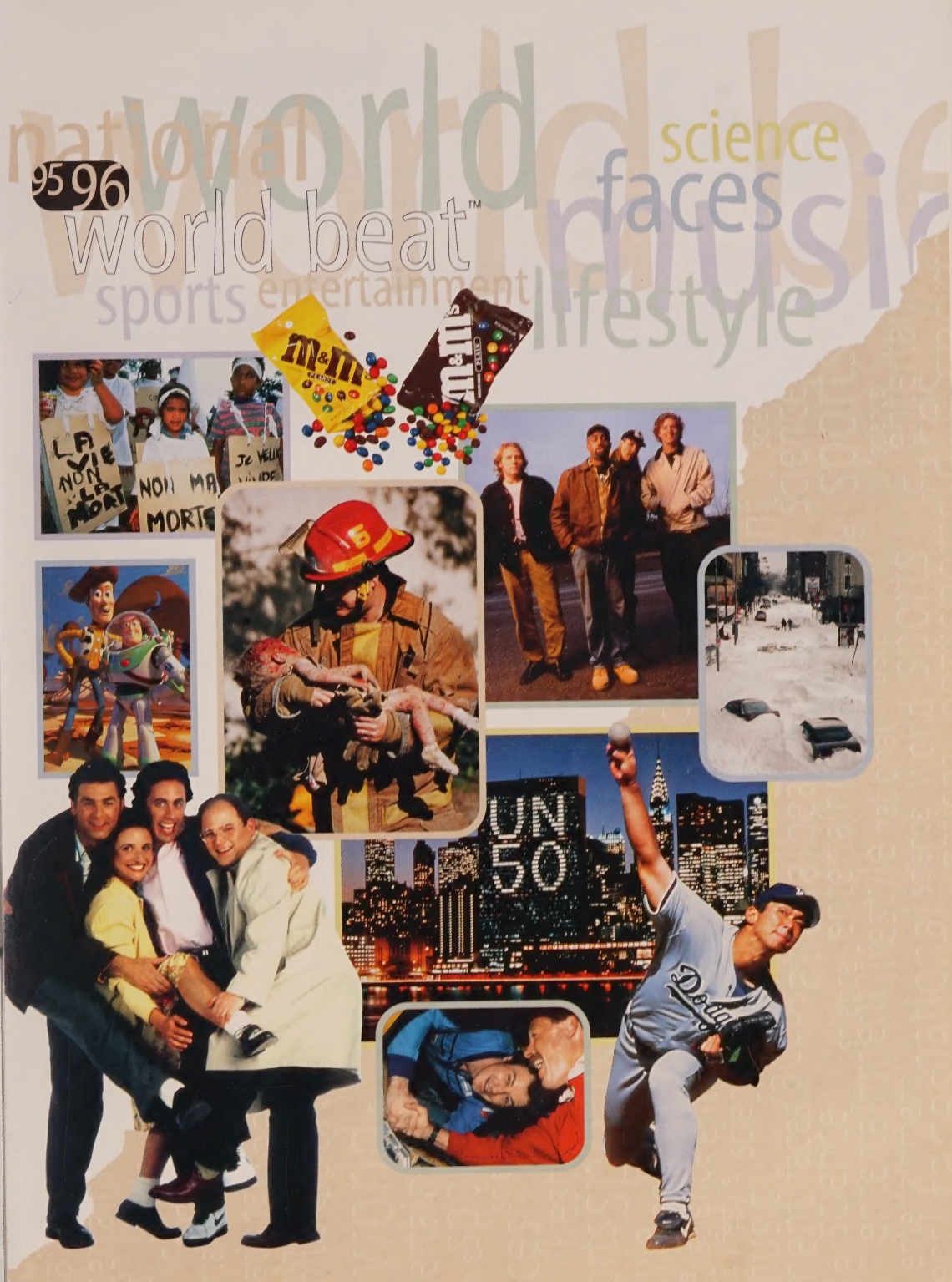

world news

G. Korganow, Gamma/Liaison

French transportation workers strike against their government throughout the month of December, shutting down the airlines and the metro system, after France increases the retirement age from 50 to 55 and lengthens the work week from 37 to 39 hours in efforts to cut spending.

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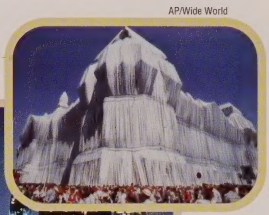
Pope John Paul II visits New Jersey, New York and Maryland, and addresses the United Nations. He speaks out on social, economic, political and moral themes.



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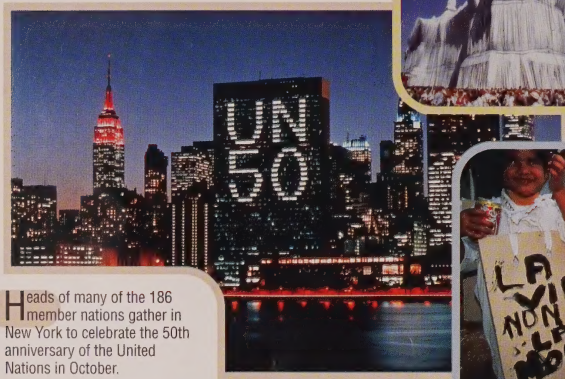
Wrap artist Christo creates "Wrapped Reichstag" for the city of Berlin by covering the former home of the German parliament with one million square feet of silver fabric in June.

In late May, a doctor performs emergency surgery aboard British Airways flight 32 using a coat hanger, a knife and fork, and a scissors sterilized in brandy to save a woman whose life is threatened by a collapsed lung.

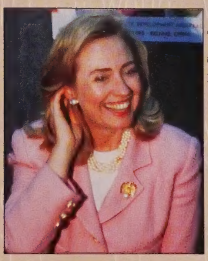


Heads of many of the 186 member nations gather in New York to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations in October.

Schneider Pool from Gamma/Liaison

Philippe Giraud, Sygma

Tahitian protests escalate into riots after France detonates a nuclear test device 750 miles from the South Pacific island. France's September resumption of tests after a three-year moratorium brings global condemnation.



John Ficara, Sygma

In a powerful address to the U.N.'s Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China, attended by 30,000 women from 180 countries, U.S. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton declares, "Women's rights are human rights," to a desk-thumping, applauding audience.

Dan Dean, Gamma/Liaison

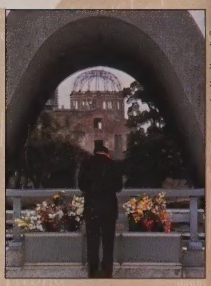
Shock waves hit the Middle East when Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is shot and killed while leaving a peace rally in Tel Aviv November 4. His murderer, Jewish extremist Yigal Amir, fanatically opposes peace negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

AP/Wide World

Marxist Cuban President Fidel Castro abandons his Havana cigar and military fatigues for a suit and tie on a diplomatic visit to New York in October, where he tries to convince the U.S. to lift its 33-year-old trade embargo on still-communist Cuba.

JIJI Press/AFP from Betman

Madman Shoko Asahara, leader of the Japanese apocalyptic religious cult, Aum Shinrikyo, is arrested on May 16 and charged with the Tokyo subway nerve-gas attack that left 12 people dead and injured 5,500 more in March.



Jan Van Hasselt, Sygma

Fifty years after the end of World War II, Japan remembers those killed by the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima. A solitary building left standing after the blast, now a memorial called the Atomic Bomb Dome, symbolizes the horrors of war and the price of peace.

flash

An earthquake kills 51 people on the resort-studded Pacific coast of Mexico. The quake measures 7.5 on the Richter scale and is felt 330 miles away in Mexico City.

AP/Wide World

J. Ficara, Sygma

The first U.S. president to visit Northern Ireland, President Clinton receives a warm Christmas welcome for his show of support for peace between Irish Protestants and Catholics.

Hurricane Marilyn inflicts millions of dollars of damage in the Virgin Islands in September. Winds up to 127 miles per hour severely damage half the homes on St. Thomas.

G. Williams, Gamma Liaison

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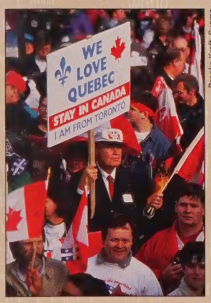
Hope blooms for peace in Bosnia when Bosnia's President Izetbegovic (left) shakes hands with Serbia's President Milosevic on the opening day of the November cease-fire talks in Dayton, Ohio. Croatia's President Tudjman looks on. The ensuing Paris peace agreement of December sends 60,000 NATO peacekeeping troops to the war-torn country.

In November, the Republic of Ireland narrowly passes a referendum calling for an end to the country's 1937 constitutional ban on divorce.

While competing in an international balloon race in September, two hot air balloonists, one English and one American, are shot down when their balloon floats off course over Belarus. The Belarussian army sees the balloon as a security threat and fires without warning. The balloonists fall to their death.

More than four years after Desert Storm, Iraq's President Saddam Hussein remains in power, though two of his sons-in-law defect to Jordan on August 8 and call for Hussein's overthrow.



Brooks Kraft, Sygma

Quebec, Canada's largely French-speaking province, defeats an October referendum on Quebec independence by a margin of less than one percent.

Thomas Renault, Gamma Liaison

In July, without public explanations, Burma's military rulers free the country's most famous political prisoner, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of the pro-democracy movement and Nobel peace laureate, after six years of house arrest.

Clive Brunskill, Allsport

Russian figure skater Sergei Grinkov, 28, collapses and dies from a heart attack during practice with his wife-partner Ekaterina Gordeeva on November 20. The pair won two Olympic gold medals and four world pairs titles.

Gamma Liaison

Great Britain's Princess Diana shocks Buckingham Palace with a tell-all BBC interview. Defying royal protocol, she discusses her marriage to unfaithful husband, Prince Charles, her struggle with depression and bulimia, and an extramarital affair. The majority of English people express their support and sympathy.

AP/Wide World

Securities trader Nicholas Leeson is arrested in Germany in March 1995 for fraud, forgery, and breach-of-trust. Leeson racked up a $1.32 billion loss that caused the collapse of Barings PLC, the 233-year-old British bank.

national news

A San Francisco sewer line bursts under pressure from battering rainstorms, creating a monster sinkhole that swallows a $2-million house in the Sea Cliff district. One-hundred-mile-per-hour winds knock out power to tens of thousands of homes and nearly blow a truck off the Bay Bridge.

Brant Ward, *San Francisco Chronicle*/Gamma/Liaison

Three days of drenching rains in the Pacific Northwest swell rivers to overflowing, causing severe flooding in Washington in December. In the town of Carnation, a pastor conveys a woman to dry land with a wheelbarrow.

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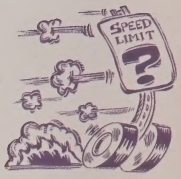
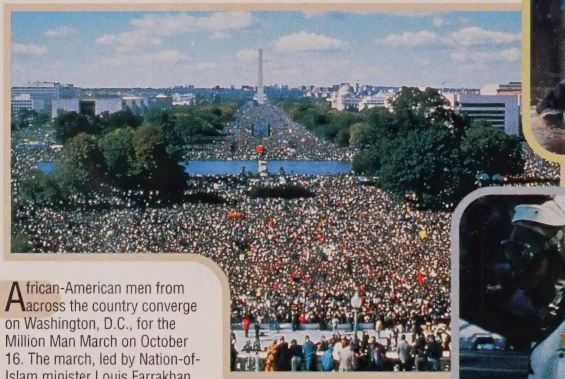


The federal government repeals the national 55-mile-per-hour highway speed limit, enacted in 1974 during the oil embargo. The legislation allows states to set their own limits. On Montana highways, speed limits are eliminated completely.

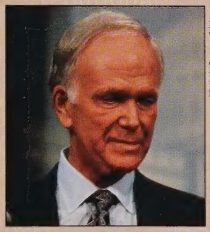


Larry Downing, Sygma

African-American men from across the country converge on Washington, D.C., for the Million Man March on October 16. The march, led by Nation-of-Islam minister Louis Farrakhan, promotes African-American unity, dignity, and family values.

AFP/Bettmann

Air Force Captain Scott O'Grady (right) is rescued from pursuing Bosnian Serb forces by U.S. Marines on June 8, six days after his plane is shot down over Bosnia. O'Grady survived on insects, plants, and rainwater.

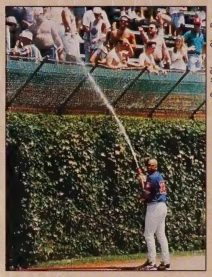


Markel, Gamma/Liaison

U.S. Senator Bob Packwood of Oregon resigns on September 7, the day after the Senate Ethics Committee voted unanimously to expel him for sexual misconduct, embarrassingly detailed in his diaries, which were made public.

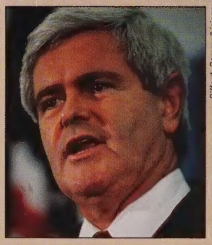
AP/Wide World

The nation comes to a standstill on October 3 as more than 150 million people watch live TV coverage of the outcome of the nine-month-long trial of the century. After less than four hours of deliberation, the jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson not guilty of the murders of his ex-wife Nicole and her friend Ronald Goldman.



Scott Olson, Sipa Press

Illinois suffers a record heat wave in July, with temperatures as high as 104°. The heat takes the lives of 457 people statewide. At Wrigley Stadium, Jaime Navarro helps faithful Chicago Cubs fans stay cool.



Gifford, Gamma/Liaison

After a year of fame as a conservative revolutionary, Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich slumps in popularity, tainted by the government shutdown, his stalled Contract With America, and investigations into his political action committee and his financial affairs.

Les Stone, Sygma

Two-thousand volunteer firefighters battle a raging wildfire in eastern Long Island, New York, for three days in August. The fire, following a 21-day drought, consumes 5,500 acres of pine barrens and damages a dozen homes. There are no injuries or fatalities.

flash

The image of firefighter Chris Fields holding one-year-old Baylee Almon, who later dies, comes to symbolize the horror of the April 19 bombing of the Oklahoma City Federal Building that killed 150 adults and 19 children.

Charles H. Porter, IV, Sygma

Zielenbach, *Chicago Tribune* from Gamma/Liaison

On April 30, the adoptive parents of four-year-old "Baby Richard" comply with an Illinois court order to turn the child over to his biological parents.

As more Americans invest, Wall Street enjoys a bull market. In November, the Dow-Jones Industrial Average hits 5000, a milestone indicating healthy corporate profits and low interest rates.

AP/Wide World

The government shuts down for six days in November after the President and Congress fail to agree on how to balance the federal budget. The shutdown affects non-essential federal services, including the National Park Service. A longer shutdown follows in December.

Despite Americans' doubts and fears, U.S. troops head for Bosnia in December. The 20,000 U.S. forces, serving under NATO command beside 40,000 European allies, face the task of keeping peace among the country's warring Serbs, Croats and Muslims.

The State of South Carolina sentences Susan Smith to life in prison for the drowning murder of her two young sons in 1994.

An anonymous donor sends St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis $1 million in the form of a winning ticket from McDonald's November "Monopoly" sweepstakes game.

In the wake of a growing number of random attacks from assailants with knives and guns, White House security is forced to close Pennsylvania Avenue to traffic.

After allegedly ignoring federal pollution regulations for years, General Motors agrees under threat of an $11-million fine to recall 500,000 Cadillacs at a cost of $45 million.

AP/Wide World

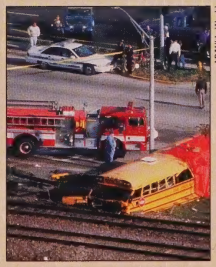
A record snowfall paralyzes the East Coast in January 1996, stranding travelers and killing 100 people. Seven states, from Virginia to Massachusetts, declare emergencies. Philadelphia gets 30.7 inches of snow.

AP/Wide World

Warren E. Burger, Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1969 to 1986, dies in June at age 87. Though appointed by President Richard Nixon, he ordered Nixon to turn over tapes in the Watergate hearings that effectively ended the president's career.

AP/Wide World

The Washington Post publishes a manifesto written by the unidentified killer known as "The Unabomber," at large since 1978 and wanted for 16 mail bombs that have killed 3 and injured 23. FBI agents scrutinize the article for clues to the bomber's identity.



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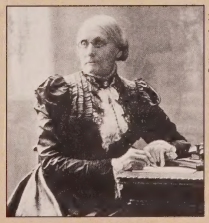
A Chicago commuter train slams into the back end of a loaded school bus. The accident, allegedly caused by a poorly timed stoplight placed too near the tracks, kills 7 students and injures 28 on October 25.



Bettmann Archive

American women celebrate the 75th anniversary of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which granted women the right to vote. Women's suffrage leader Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906) first organized the fight for suffrage in 1848.

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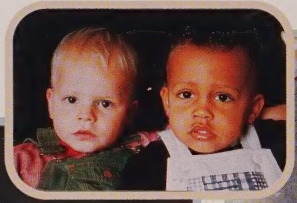
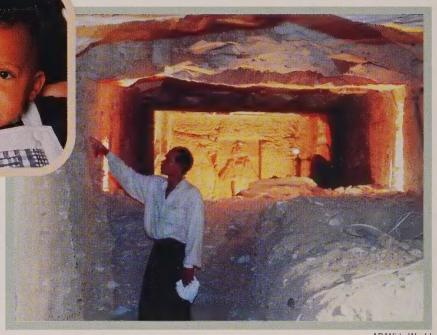


As the result of an improperly cleaned test tube at a fertility clinic, a woman in the Netherlands gives birth to twin boys, each from a different father.

NASA

A stunning photograph from the Hubble Space Telescope captures a moment in the birth of a star in the Eagle Nebula, 7,000 light years from Earth. Light from the young star's nuclear furnace lifts towering pillars of hydrogen gas and interstellar dust.



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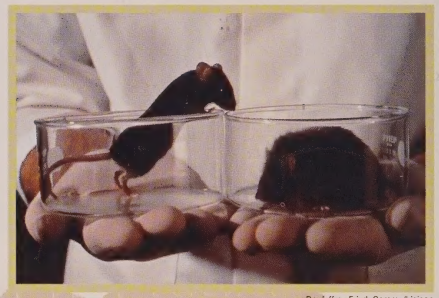
Archaeologists discover a 3,000-year-old tomb in May that is believed to hold the remains of 52 sons of Ramses II, Pharaoh of Egypt.



Dr. Jeffrey Fried, Gamma/Liaison

Researchers announce that they have isolated a gene in mice linked to obesity. Mice with a mutated OB gene are injected with the hormone leptin, resulting in dramatic weight loss. The public is tantalized at the prospect of leptin as a slimming treatment for use in humans.

In March, the Federal Drug Administration approves a chicken-pox vaccine. Rarely fatal, chicken-pox affects 3.7 million Americans annually.

© Cincinnati Zoo

The world's first test-tube gorilla is born at the Cincinnati Zoo in October as part of an effort to save the western lowland gorilla, an endangered species that numbers fewer than 450 animals.

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Fossils of a jawbone (left) and leg bone (right) found in Kenya in August reveal a previously unknown species of upright hominid that lived four million years ago, pushing the emergence of bipedalism back half a million years. Walking upright is a key adaptation that separates humans from apes.

Val Mazzanga/Chicago Tribune

Media attention focuses on melatonin, a naturally occurring hormone used to induce sleep and slow the effects of aging. Lauded as a wonder drug, a kilogram of synthetic melatonin sells for as much as $10,000.

AP/Wide World

In a procedure known as tissue engineering, scientists grow a human ear under the skin of a laboratory mouse. Researchers hope the procedure will play an important role in the future of transplant surgery.

AP/Wide World

As a protective measure against counterfeiting in the era of digital publishing, the Treasury Department redesigns U.S. currency bills, to be issued over the next five years, starting early 1996 with the new $100 bill.

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Former rivals in space become comrades in space after the historic docking of the U.S. space shuttle *Atlantis* and Russia's *Mir* space station on June 29. Astronaut Robert Gibson (in red) greets cosmonaut Vladimir Dezhurov.

NASA

In June, volcanic eruptions give birth to a baby island. A new member of the Tonga Islands emerges near New Zealand, 900 feet high and 140 feet wide.

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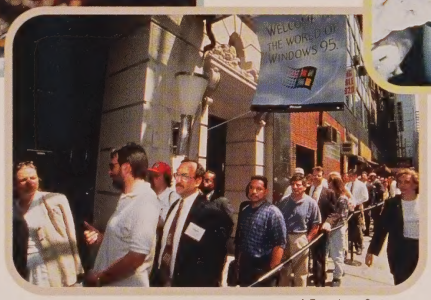
Buyers rush to stores for the new computer operating system Windows 95, spurred by Microsoft Corp.'s $700-million publicity barrage and the promise of a friendlier interface.



A. Tannenbaum, Sygma

The movie *Apollo 13* opens in the summer after filming many of its scenes inside NASA's "zero gravity" plane, which mimics the weightlessness astronauts experience in space by diving into a 23-second freefall.

After a decade-long search, scientists isolate what may be the most important cancer-related gene. The defective gene known as ATM is associated with cancers of the breast, colon, lung, stomach, pancreas and skin, and may be carried by two million Americans.

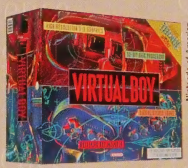
Astronomers using the Hubble Space Telescope observe new moons orbiting the planet Saturn, adding at least 2 moons and possibly 4 to Saturn's previously known total of 18.

A team of French and British explorers believe they have found an ancient breed of horse previously unknown to scientists. In November, the four-foot high horse with a triangular head, which resembles the vanished horses of European Stone Age drawings, is named Riwoche for its home region in Tibet.

October satellite photographs show the recent rapid deterioration of the earth's ozone layer above Antarctica. Pollutants produced mostly by the U.S. cause the hole in the atmosphere's protective layer to increase to the size of Europe.

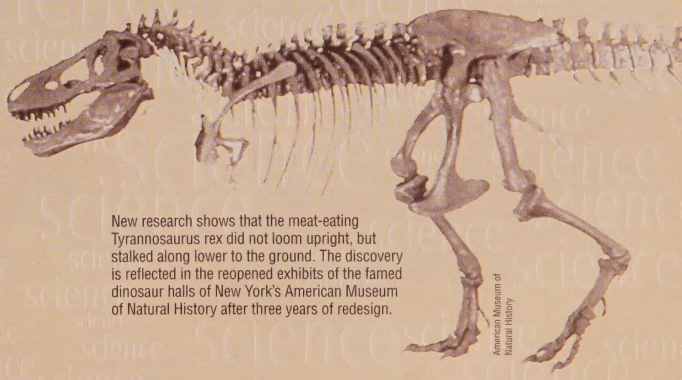
VISA International

In November, Visa introduces a cash-storage card that eliminates a pocketful of loose change. A chip in the plastic card tracks the amount of available cash, which is accessed with a reader at the place of purchase. The card can be taken to the bank and reloaded.



Nintendo of America

Now virtual reality comes in a handy travel size with Nintendo's latest, Virtual Boy, a portable 3-D video-game system with stereophonic sound.



American Museum of Natural History

New research shows that the meat-eating Tyrannosaurus rex did not loom upright, but stalked along lower to the ground. The discovery is reflected in the reopened exhibits of the famed dinosaur halls of New York's American Museum of Natural History after three years of redesign.

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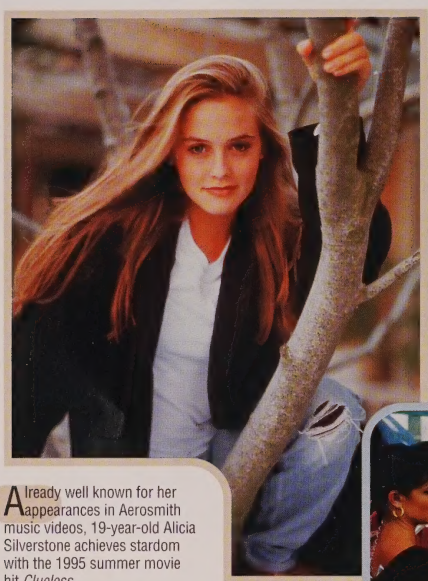
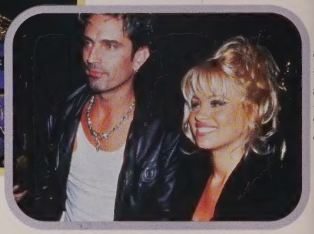


Dana Fineman, Sygma

Already well known for her appearances in Aerosmith music videos, 19-year-old Alicia Silverstone achieves stardom with the 1995 summer movie hit *Clueless*.

J.L. Bulcao, Gamma/Liaison

With $150,000 saved during her 75 hardworking years as a washerwoman, Oseola McCarty establishes a scholarship fund for African-American students at the University of Southern Mississippi. For her selflessness, she is awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal.



Ron Davis, Shooting Star

Pamela Lee of "Baywatch" fame and husband Tommy Lee, Motley Crüe drummer, are the life of the party this year, frequently caught by the press engaging in public displays of affection.

Bill Jordan, *Charleston Post Courier* from Sipa Press

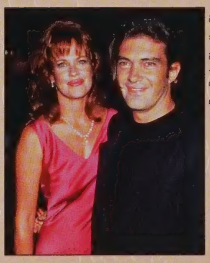
Trailblazer Shannon Faulkner (hand to head) withdraws from the Citadel after collapsing during "hell week." Faulkner singlehandedly attempted to bust the gender barrier at the all-male South Carolina military institution.

Frank Capri/Saga from Archive Photos

Millions of Americans tune in to Martha Stewart's TV show, subscribe to her magazine, and read her books. The popular cooking and home-decorating entrepreneur builds an empire by packaging a distinctive American nostalgic style.

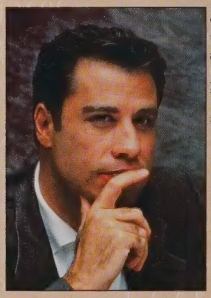
Marc Deville, Gamma/Liaison

Bill Gates, founder and chairman of the computer giant Microsoft, becomes the wealthiest man in the world on the success of his company's software. His book *The Road Ahead* hits *The New York Times* best-seller list.



Ron Davis, Shooting Star

Hot actor Antonio Banderas falls in love with another screen sex-symbol Melanie Griffith during the filming of *Two Much*. Banderas will co-star with Madonna in the film version of *Evita* and will star in Steven Spielberg-produced *Zorro*.



Yoram Kahana, Shooting Star

Seventies superstar John Travolta's motion-picture comeback in the 1994 hit *Pulp Fiction* continues with starring roles in *Get Shorty* and *Broken Arrow*.

Fotex from Shooting Star

Sandra Bullock follows up her star-making role in *Speed* with the gentle romance *While You Were Sleeping*. Bullock's fresh, wholesome image earns her an "Entertainer of the Year" nomination from *Entertainment Weekly* magazine.

America is disappointed in its high hopes for Colin Powell's 1996 presidential candidacy. At the close of his whirlwind book tour for *My American Journey*, the General and his wife Alma announce in November that he will not seek the Republican nomination.

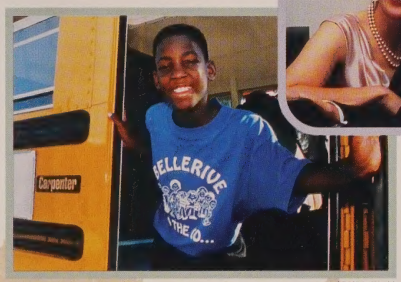
Pete Souza, Gamma/Liaison

Stand-up comic and sitcom star Ellen DeGeneres makes the best-seller list with her book *My Point...And I Do Have One.*

Sandra Johnson, Retna

AP/Wide World

Christopher Reeve, in a wheelchair and hooked up to a portable respirator, appears with his wife, Dana, at the American Paralysis Association's annual gala on November 9, less than five months after a fall from a horse left him almost totally paralyzed.



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A 10-year-old St. Louis schoolboy, Larry Champagne III, becomes a hero by taking control of his school bus after the driver suffered a stroke. Champagne is later awarded a $10,000 scholarship by the bus company.

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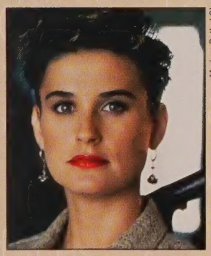
Calvin Klein's provocative CK Jeans campaign causes an uproar in August, bringing nasty headlines, threats of retailer boycotts and an FBI investigation. The scandal only seems to help sales.

Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley announce their divorce almost a year after their surprise marriage. The tabloids have a field day speculating about the reasons for the marriage (was it a cold-hearted career move?) as well as the causes for the break-up (was he after Elvis' fortune?).

***Breaking the Surface*, the autobiography of Greg Louganis, former U.S. Olympic gold-medal diver who revealed earlier that he has AIDS, debuts at No. 2 on the best-seller list.**

Popcorn magnate Orville Redenbacher, who transformed popping corn into a gourmet item, dies on September 19 from heart failure.

Two Chinese women set a new Guiness world record in November by living in a room for 12 days with 888 poisonous snakes. The previous world record, set in Singapore in 1987, was 10 days with 200 snakes.

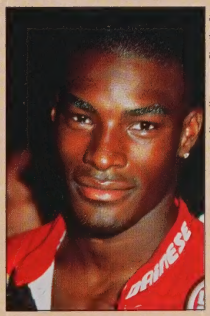


Marissa Roth, LGI

Actress Demi Moore becomes the highest paid woman in Hollywood, able to command $12.5 million per movie, even after this year's flop at the box office *The Scarlet Letter*, loosely based on Hawthorne's classic.

Tim Mosenfelder, LGI

Favorite of America's heartland for his *You Might Be A Redneck If...* jokes, Georgia-born stand-up comic and author Jeff Foxworthy gets his own ABC sitcom in which he plays himself.



Nancy Kaszerman, Shooting Star

Model Beckford Tyson, singled out by Ralph Lauren for his all-American looks, signs an exclusive contract with the fashion designer in 1995.

AP/Wide World

Miss Oklahoma Shawntel Smith is crowned Miss America on September 16. During the broadcast of the 75th pageant, viewers phone in their votes to retain the swimsuit competition.

Kurt Viavant, Sipa Press

John F. Kennedy, Jr., is cofounder and editor-in-chief of *George*, a glossy new magazine covering American politics. Hounded all his life by the press, Kennedy joins their ranks, contributing a feature interview to each issue.

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Sygma

Batman Forever, with Val Kilmer in the title role and Chris O'Donnell as Robin, becomes the third Batman movie and the summer's top-grossing film.

United Artists from Shooting Star

The fifth actor to play 007 in the enduring film series begun in the 1960s, Pierce Brosnan abandons his Aston Martin for a BMW Z3 Roadster in *Goldeneye*, the latest and, some say, best James Bond movie.

Three 1995 movies bring Jane Austen classics to the silver screen: *Clueless*, based on Austen's novel *Emma*, and *Sense and Sensibility* and *Persuasion*.

Disney Pictures from Shooting Star

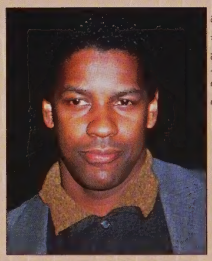
Disney Pictures continues its line of animated blockbusters with the Native American legend *Pocahontas*. The picture previews in New York's Central Park to an outdoor audience of 200,000.

M. Gerber, LGI

After an unpromising start, Conan O'Brien quietly gains popularity as host of NBC's "Late Night," a slot previously filled by David Letterman. Letterman's current show on CBS slowly loses viewers.

Yoram Kahana, Shooting Star

Whitney Houston stars in the December film release, *Waiting to Exhale*, adapted from Terry McMillan's best-selling novel about the lives of four middle-class African-American women. Houston sings the title song for the movie soundtrack, which enjoys brisk sales.

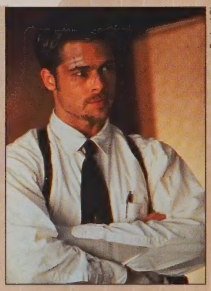


Ron Davis, Shooting Star

Denzel Washington, critically acclaimed for his performances in films *Crimson Tide* and *Devil in a Blue Dress*, receives highest praise from the City of Los Angeles, which honors him with the Martin Luther King, Jr., Award for his philanthropic work on behalf of children.

Bedford Falls from Shooting Star

Although ABC cancels her TV series "My So-Called Life," 17-year-old Claire Danes hits the big screen in *How to Make an American Quilt*, *To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday*, and *Romeo and Juliet* with Leonardo DiCaprio as her co-star.



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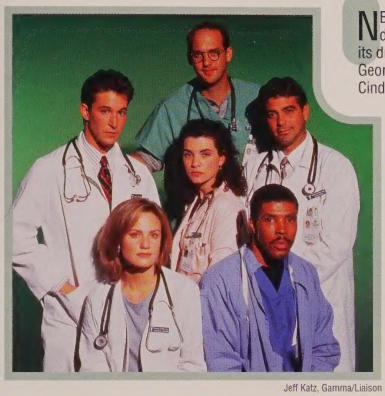
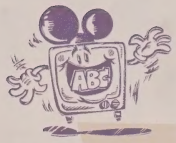
In the suspense-thriller *Seven*, heartthrob Brad Pitt attracts a wide male audience with his performance as a detective on the trail of a serial killer whose murders are based on the seven deadly sins.



Jeff Katz, Gamma/Liaison

NBC's hospital drama "E.R." continues to draw high ratings throughout 1995 thanks to its dramatic realism and the appeal of handsome George Clooney (middle right), supermodel Cindy Crawford's latest date.



Disney Entertainment spends $19 billion to purchase the ABC television network in July.

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Disney Pictures from Shooting Star

Toy Story is the world's first entirely computer-animated film. Released by Disney during the Christmas season, it features the voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, and Don Rickles.

MTV introduces "Singled Out," an over-the-top dating game show where contestants ask random, pointless questions of a crowd of suitors, sight unseen, until the zany answers have eliminated all but that one perfect love match.

According to a Roper Youth Poll, the two hottest TV shows among teens this season are the daytime soap "Days of Our Lives" and the evening soap "Melrose Place."

"The Jon Stewart Show," a late-night talk show aimed at Generation X, fails to catch on. During the final taping, host Stewart says, "To all those people who said my show wouldn't last, I have only one thing to say. Good call."

Pacha, LGI

Jim Carrey earns $20 million for the starring role in the comedy *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls*, a sequel to the extraordinarily popular *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*.

The popular NBC TV series "Friends" returns for a second highly rated season. Its runaway success inspires less successful imitations by other networks.

Sam Jones, Gamma/Liaison

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Ten years after creating the popular comic strip "Calvin and Hobbes," cartoonist Bill Watterson retires in December.

Steve Hill, LGI

Horror-fiction author Stephen King signs a deal with Signet books to release his upcoming story, *The Green Mile*, as a paperback series.

Fox from Shooting Star

Fox TV's "The X Files" stars David Duchovny as an FBI agent who investigates supernatural phenomena. The show becomes a surprise hit, giving millions of viewers reason to look forward to staying home on a Friday night.

AP/Wide World

Devoted fans will not be denied another season of NBC's sitcom "Seinfeld" after all. Creator Jerry Seinfeld decides to keep his "show about nothing" going for an eighth season.

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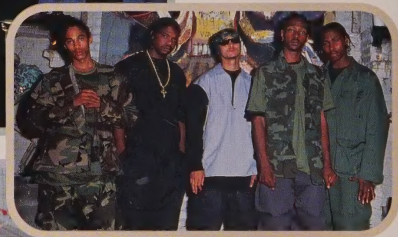
John Chiasson, Gamma/Liaison

Their down-to-earth style and soulful pop songs make Hootie and the Blowfish popular favorites. Their debut album *Cracked Rear View* sells over 5 million, and the group is named Best New Artist at the MTV Music Awards in September.

Pacha, LGI

Blues Traveler emerge from the underground scene to widespread popularity with their album *Four* and the single "Run-Around."



Steve Granitz, Retna

Cleveland-based rap group Bone Thugs-n-Harmony vault to the top of the charts with some old-fashioned harmonizing on the album *E. 1999 Eternal.*

AP/Wide World

Yoko Ono and Little Richard join a host of celebrities at the opening of the glitzy Rock-and-Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland on September 1.

John Bellissimo, LGI

Rocker Melissa Etheridge follows top-selling *Yes, I Am* with her fifth album, *Your Little Secret.*

Tim Mosenfelder, LGI

Twenty-year-old Canadian newcomer Alanis Morissette raises some eyebrows with her up-front, aggressive lyrics and attitudes. Nevertheless, her album *Jagged Little Pill* goes double platinum.

Fotex from Shooting Star

Sixties icon Jerry Garcia, guitarist of The Grateful Dead, dies of a heart attack on August 9 at age 53. Garcia's musical roots in blues, country and folk are apparent in hits like "Truckin'." Legions of Deadheads mourn his passing.

Todd Gray, LGI

Brandy, whose self-titled platinum album and single "I Wanna Be Down" hit high on the R&B charts, sweeps the first Soul Train Music Awards in August. The 16-year-old singer wins Best New Artist, among other awards.

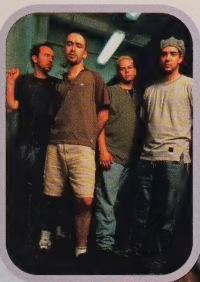
Bettmann

Beatlemania returns in 1995 with ABC's six-hour documentary *The Beatles Anthology*, the video releases of *A Hard Day's Night* and *Help!* and the album collection *Anthology,* featuring previously unreleased material.

Dee Willis, Retna

The chart-topping movie soundtrack *Dangerous Minds* features Coolio's rap anthem "Gangsta's Paradise," the number-one single of the year according to *Billboard* magazine.

Live dedicate their single "Lightning Crashes" to victims of the Oklahoma City bombing. The rock band's *Throwing Copper* album yields three hit singles; Billboard Music Awards names them Rock Artist of the Year.



Joe Giron, LGI

Mark Hauser, LGI

The Chicago-based rock band Smashing Pumpkins release their epic double album *Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness* to critical and public acclaim.

Ronnie Wright, LGI

Mariah Carey's *Daydream* sells over 5 million copies, taking number-one spot on the *Billboard* album chart. Carey performs with Boyz II Men on the hit single "One Sweet Day."

flash

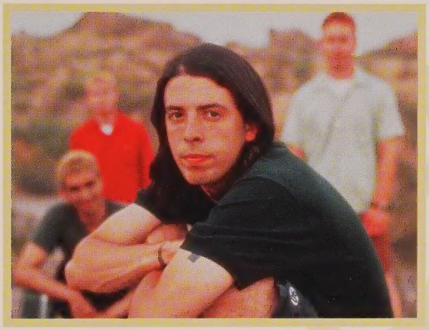
R.E.M.'s summer tour is interrupted by medical emergencies for three of the band's four members. The tour, their first in five years, is eventually completed with all members in good health.

In October, David Bowie and Nine Inch Nails wrap up the U.S. portion of Bowie's world tour. At each show, Bowie and Trent Reznor's band play a set together. In December, Bowie tours Europe with Morrissey as his opening act.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers tone down their trademark bawdiness in their newest album, *One Hot Minute*.

Jeffrey Scales, LGI

Atlanta's TLC is honored at the Billboard Music Awards for providing two of the year's biggest hits. "Creep" and "Waterfalls" both lead the Hot 100 singles charts for weeks.

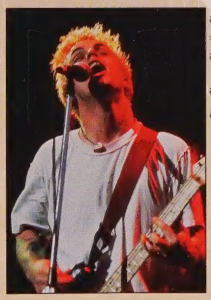


Steve Double, Retna

Former Nirvana drummer Dave Grohl plays a new sound as guitarist and lead singer in the Foo Fighters, an alternative rock band that enjoys three singles off their self-titled debut album in 1995.

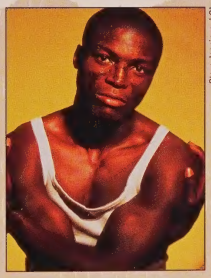
Ron Davis, Shooting Star

A hard-luck story turns into overnight success in the case of Canadian Shania Twain, born in poverty to an Irish mother and an Ojibway Indian father. Twain's 1995 hits include "Whose Bed Have Your Boots Been Under?," "Any Man of Mine" and the title tune to her 3-million-selling album *The Woman In Me*.



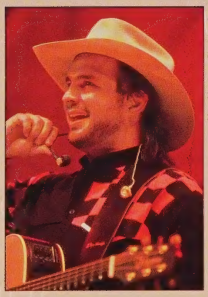
Steve Simons, Shooting Star

Success doesn't mellow the style of alternative rock band Green Day, who release their anxiously awaited fourth album *Insomniac*, their fastest and darkest album to date.



Steve Jennings, LGI

Seal's hit off the *Batman Forever* movie soundtrack, "Kiss From a Rose," is all over the summer playlists. The single propels the artist's self-titled album to the double-platinum mark.



Marc Morrison, Shooting Star

With the record-setting sales of his album *Fresh Horses*, only three musical acts in U.S. history outsell country music icon Garth Brooks: the Beatles, the Eagles, and Billy Joel.

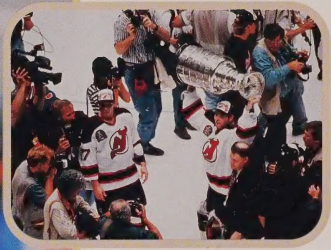
Smith, Gamma/Liaison

Selena, the 23-year-old Tejano music queen, is gunned down in Corpus Christi in March 1995 by Yolanda Saldivar, former president of her fan club. The July release of a collection of Selena's hits, *Dreaming of You*, sees some of the fastest sales in music history.

sports news

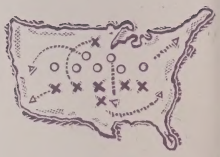
International soccer star Michelle Akers, world's top woman player, leads the U.S. women's soccer team to a 2-1 sudden-death victory over Norway in the U.S. Cup title game in August.

Chris Cole, Allsport



Focus on Sports

The New Jersey Devils win the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup, beating the heavily favored Detroit Red Wings in four straight games.



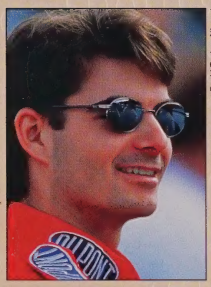
The most controversial moves are off the field this season as the Cleveland Browns NFL franchise announces its move to Baltimore and the Houston Oilers announce their move to Nashville.

Clark Campbell, Sipa Press

In May 1995, Peter Blake's Team New Zealand in "Black Magic 1" defeats Dennis Conner's team in "Young America" in the first 5-0 sweep in the 144-year history of the America's Cup.

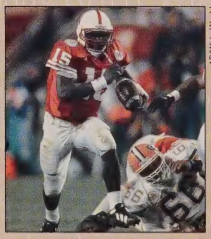
AP/Wide World

In Super Bowl XXX, the heavily favored Dallas Cowboys beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 27-17. Dallas cornerback Larry Brown ices the game for the Cowboys with the second of his two interceptions, and is named MVP for his heroics.



David Taylor, Allsport

Jeff Gordon, 24, dominates the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing's Winston Cup, winning 7 of NASCAR's 31 races and earning $4.3 million in 1995, a record for the sport.



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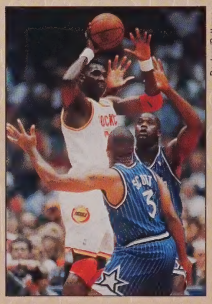
The University of Nebraska demolishes the University of Florida, 62-24, in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl to win their second consecutive national college football title and cap Cornhuskers coach Tom Osborne's 23rd season.



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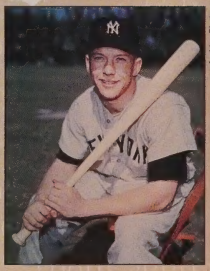
The Houston Rockets, led by center Hakeem Olajuwon, win their second consecutive National Basketball Association championship in June, sweeping the series with the Orlando Magic in four games.

Steve Berman, Gamma/Liaison

Twenty-one-year-old tennis champ Monica Seles, returning to competitive play two years after being stabbed at a tournament in Germany, wins the 1995 Australian Open.

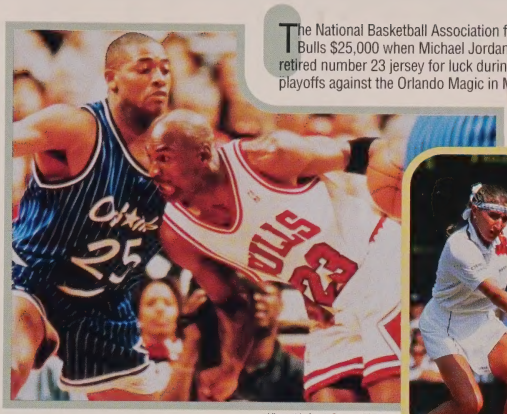


Archive Photos

Hall-of-Famer Mickey Mantle, a switch-hitter and one of the great sluggers in baseball history, dies of cancer on August 13. Mantle hit 536 home runs in his 18-year career and compiled a lifetime batting average of .298.

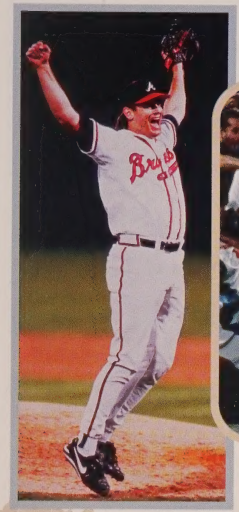
flash

The National Basketball Association fines the Chicago Bulls $25,000 when Michael Jordan wears his previously retired number 23 jersey for luck during championship playoffs against the Orlando Magic in May 1995.

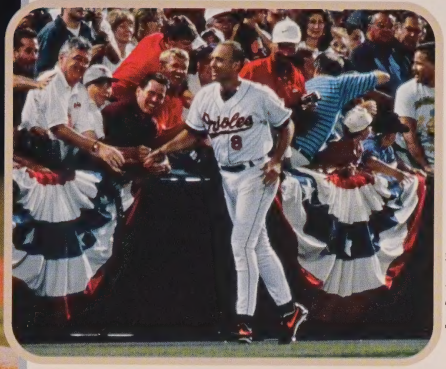


Vincent Laforet, Gamma/Liaison

The Atlanta Braves edge the Cleveland Indians 1-0 in game six to win the World Series on October 28. Closing pitcher Mark Wohlers leaps for joy.



Ric Stewart, Allsport



Doug Pensinger, Allsport

In September, Baltimore Orioles shortstop Cal Ripken, Jr., achieves a record-setting 2,131 consecutive games.

Clive Brunskill, Allsport

German tennis star Steffi Graf, who won three of five Grand Slam titles in 1995, ends the professional tennis season ranked number one in the world.

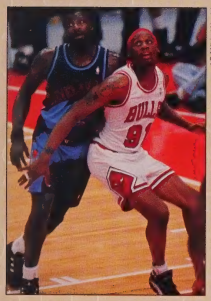
National Basketball Association referees strike against the league for much of the autumn. Fill-in officials spark complaints of substandard refereeing.

Former L.A. Lakers point guard Earvin "Magic" Johnson announces a return to basketball in January 1996. Johnson retired in 1991 when he discovered he was HIV positive.

The Northwestern University Wildcats—long a gridiron laughingstock—pile up ten victories in 1995 and go to the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1949.

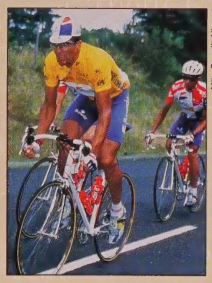
In his first fight in four years, former world heavyweight champ Mike Tyson disposes of challenger Peter McNeeley in 89 seconds. Tyson, who in March finished a three-year jail term for a rape conviction, earns $25 million for the August boxing match.

Pete Sampras, winner of the 1995 men's singles championships at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, ends the professional tennis season with a number-one world ranking.



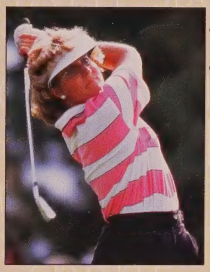
AP/Wide World

Known for his temperamental personality, his many tattoos and his aggressive playing style, basketball center Dennis Rodman (91) debuts with the Chicago Bulls after his trade from the San Antonio Spurs.



Mike Powell, Allsport

For a record fifth straight time, Miguel Indurain of Spain wins the 22-day, 2,270-mile Tour de France, the world's premier bicycle race. On the 15th day of the race, Italian road-race champ Fabio Casartelli is killed in a seven-man crash.



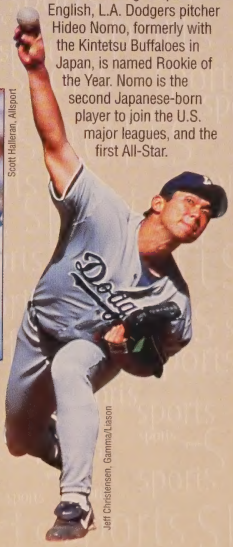
Focus on Sports

Betsy King wins her 30th tournament on June 25 and gains entry to the Ladies' Professional Golf Association's Hall of Fame, one of the most difficult attainments in sports.

Scott Halleran, Allsport

Quarterback Dan Marino of the Miami Dolphins sets four lifetime passing records during the 1995 football season: 47,003 yards, 342 touchdowns, 3,686 completions and 6,467 attempts.

Master of the sinking fastball and still learning to speak English, L.A. Dodgers pitcher Hideo Nomo, formerly with the Kintetsu Buffaloes in Japan, is named Rookie of the Year. Nomo is the second Japanese-born player to join the U.S. major leagues, and the first All-Star.

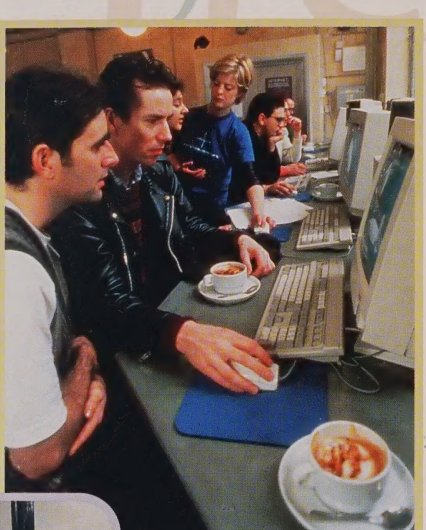


Jeff Christensen, Gamma/Liaison

lifestyle news

The most recent fad in purses takes the form of small backpacks.

Designer water spreads to the pet world. Doting pet owners buy tuna-flavored bottled water for Fluffy and beef-flavored bottled water for Spot.



Matheu Polak, Sygma

Diners are treated to variations on theme cafes, as Hard Rock Cafe is joined by Fashion Cafe, Planet Hollywood, Harley-Davidson Cafe, and London's Cyberia Cafe where patrons sip coffee and surf the Internet.

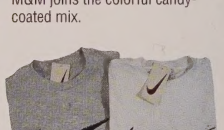
A first in the long, popular history of M&M's candies: a new blue M&M joins the colorful candy-coated mix.

Young people continue to follow the wide-leg jeans trend, forsaking tight jeans for a loose baggy fit.

The tattoo craze leads to some regrets, but recent laser developments keep people from being marked for life. Pulsed laser light, a different wavelength for each color in the tattoo, removes pigment without leaving scars.

Reuters/Archive Photos

Americans consume culture and history as attendance at America's 8,000 museums climbs to 600 million people per year, more than movie, theater, and sports attendance combined.



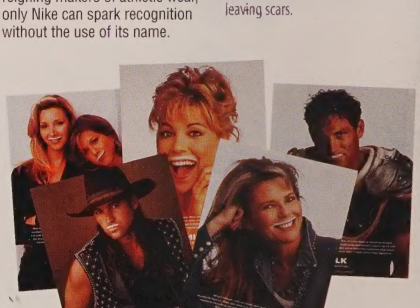
Logo-wear reaches a new level of sophistication. Among the reigning makers of athletic wear, only Nike can spark recognition without the use of its name.

Girly things enjoy a surge in popularity with young women, who wear baby barrettes, knee socks, tiny t-shirts, little jumpers, and funky Maryjanes, and kid around with "Hello Kitty" accessories.

Lynn Goldsmith, LGI

Taking her place among controversial talk-show hosts as the "Oprah for the junior set," Ricki Lake speaks to such concerns as, "Mom, when my boyfriend gets out of jail, I'm taking him back."

The angel message of "fear not" strikes a deep chord with Americans' yearning for spiritual growth and comfort in a stressful time. People enjoy angel collectibles, angel sites on the Internet, and angel books and magazines.



"Some pretty cool people drink milk" is the message carried by a high-profile ad campaign featuring a raft of popular celebrities sporting a white upper lip on behalf of the healthy beverage. The milk-moustache effect is created with latex, a rubber-based paint.

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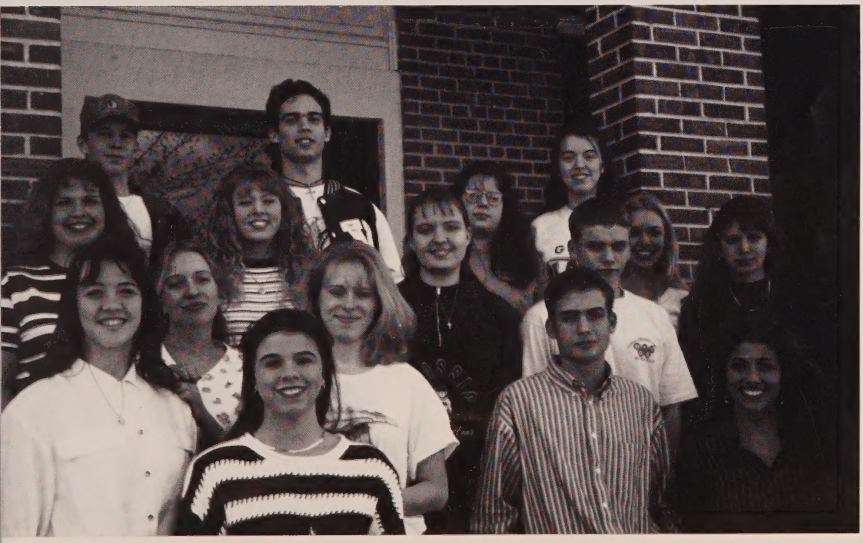
BIBLE CLUB

The Bible Club is an organization headed by Coach Charles Brown. The club met every morning at 7:30 a.m. and had a short devotion. On some Fridays, guest speakers came and addressed the group. They had small parties in order to fellowship and enjoy each other's company. These club members were very devoted to their club and felt they started their day off right by joining together to pray first thing in the morning.

Bible Club president Amy Moon and secretary/treasurer Angela Borrell are two of the officers. Not pictured is vice-president Niki Anderson.

Coach Brown, sponsor of the Bible Club, takes a break from his work.

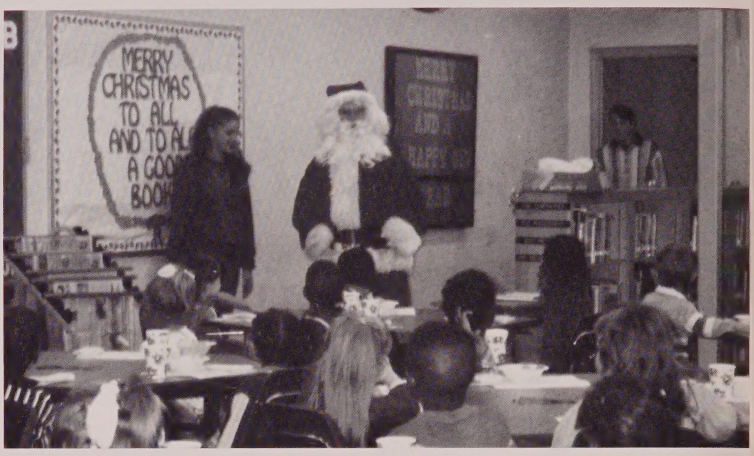


Club members are(from left to right) Jeremy Sapp, Jesús Milán, Jennifer Evans, Mellissa Tharp, Samantha Cook, Stephanie Walsingham, April Jenkins, Lisa Blakenship, Jeff Ekstrom, Tammie Morris, Angie Sapp, Shanna Cook, Amy Moon, Tasha Johnson, Jeff Riley, and Angela Borrell.

FEA

The Future Educators of America is a growing club and is sponsored by Ms. Debbie Lloyd The FEA visited the elementary school and gave them nice little parties, and the club also participated in American Education Week and Teacher Appreciation Week (during which members became teachers for a day). In addition, the FEA sponsored the annual Blood Drive during this year's health fair.

The FEA gives the elementary school a party with Santa Claus in the VHS library. Amy McDade, Rusty Weathers (AKA Ol' St. Nick), and Danny Paul help with the proceedings.



Club officers are Reporter: Angela Borrell, Vice-President: Lisa Blakenship, President: Joan Miller, Parliamentarian: Jeff Riley. Not pictured: Secretary: Rusty Weathers and Treasurer: Amy McDade.

Far right, Santa Claus, er, um, Rusty Weathers, rather, has his picture struck during the FEA-sponsored Christmas party.

Miss Debbie Lloyd shows us the way real educators smile. Miss Lloyd is the sponsor of FEA.

The FEA members are(top to bottom) Erica Brown, Tomika Jackson, Jonathan Willoughby, Jeff Riley, Danny Paul, Lonnie Cook, Lillian Potter, Melisande Brown, Alite Jackson, Shasta Brock, Lisa Blakenship, Rebecca Lovett, Susan Rash, Charity White, Vanessa Miyazato, Joan Miller, and Karen Gilley. Not pictured: Eve DuBose, Andrea Everitt, Natalie Haddock, Carlos Hernandez, Jessica Loop, Amy McDade, Clarissa Medina, Jesús Milán, Amanda Pettis, Jeremy Sapp, Chris Strayhand, and Rusty Weathers.

Amber Bennett and Lacey Tison take time out to relax after competition.

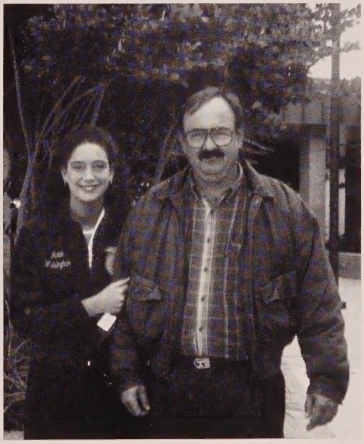
Future Educators of America (FFA)

The Vernon Chapter of the FFA has traditionally been a very active club. Most of the students in FFA took one or more ag classes with teacher/sponsor Mr. Hiram Tison. Students participated in a number

of activities, which included competitions such as dairy, cattle, and poultry judging; land judging; public speaking; and parliamentary procedure. They also visited the agricultural expo at Moultrie, Georgia.

FFA officers are President: Robin Walsingham, Vice-President: Jason Rogers, Secretary: Lacey Tison, Treasurer: Heather Worthington, Parliamentarian: Olen Pettis.

Below, FFA President Robin Walsinghamshows her appreciation to sponsor Mr. Hiram Tison upon winning a second place ribbon during competition.



FFA members (top to bottom) are Chad Joyner, Ashley Kirkland, Lee Duke, Chad Gainey, Waylon Yates, Olen Pettis, Brent Gainey, Jonathan Willoughby, Reggie Worthington, Amber Bennett, Shane Whittaker, Jackie Cargo, Stephanie Walsingham, Matt Brown, Lacey Tison, Heather Worthington, Jason Rogers, Tiffany Pettis, and Jeremy Sapp.

LEADING THE WAY
VHS STUDENT COUNCIL

The Vernon High School Student Council has traditionally been an important organization at VHS. The officers, senators, homeroom representatives, and associate members all contribute to the well-being of the student body.

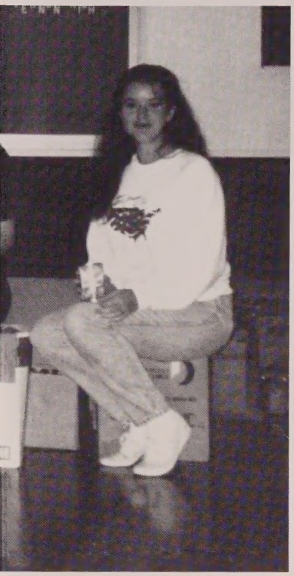
The Student Council was in charge of homecoming this year, as always, and organized an excellent parade and homecoming week activities. In addition, the VHSSC sponsored motivational videos that were shown during extended homeroom sessions.

One community service that the Student Council participated in this year was the Washington County Comunity Chest. Students were allowed to watch a volleyball game between students and faculty for the admission of five canned food items. The Student Council collected over 2000 pounds of canned goods that would feed over forty families, making this their most successful canned food drive ever.

The canned food drive for the Washington County Community Chest was quite successful. Michael Saturley, S.C. chaplain; Gena DeRico, S.C. food drive chair.; Lisa Blankenship, S.C. president; and Mellissa Tharp, S.C. reporter sit atop the boxes of canned items donated by VHS students.

Charity White, Student Council vice-president, joins in the fun of homecoming week by dressing in overalls on Farmer Day.

Even Student Council sponsor, Mrs. Sandra Cook, shows school spirit on Farmer Day. Them there overalls look mighty comf'able, Miz Cook!



The canned food items donated by VHS students as their admission into the faculty/student volleyball game are packed into boxes and displayed in the front hall.

The 1995-96 VHSSC officers are President—Lisa Blankenship, Vice-President—Charity White, Secretary/Treasurer—Tonya Johns, Reporter—Mellissa Tharp, Parliamentarian—Jason Rogers, and (not pictured) Chaplain—Michael Saturley.

VHSSC members are (front to back) S. Rash, C. White, L. Blankenship, R. Lovett, G. DeRico, J. Rogers, A. Sapp, M. Tharp, T. Johns, J. Miller, F. Ridgeway, O. Pettis, T. Pettis, L. Green, T. Simmons, J. Milán, K. Anderson, K. Shelley, and W. Yates. Not pictured are M. Saturley, T. Morris, R. Day, A. Moon, J. Bartimus, A. McDade, J. Willoughby, S. Cook, C. Suggs, J. Green, J. Green, C. Taylor, Y. Johns, M. Cooper, A. Borrell, C. Causey, M. Chambers, R. Broxton, C. Hernandez, R. Matney, A. Nettles, and A. Jackson.

KEY CLUB

In this, the second year of Vernon's chapter of the Key Club, members worked at various fundraisers to collect money for service-oriented projects. Under the guidance of sponsor Mr. Jerry Tyre, students raised money to help defray the cost of a new ballpark complex near Vernon. Students met with the Kiwanis Club members in Chipley each month at the Chuck Wagon Restaurant and were visited in Vernon by members of their parent organization. President of Vernon High School's chapter, Niki Anderson, spurred students on to help with fundraisers such as the chili cookout and pancake breakfast.

Officers of the VHS Key Club pose with a Florida Kiwanian who met with the group. Pictured are Will Crawford, Niki Anderson, Tammie Morris, and Angela Borrell.

Above, Key Club members meet in Mr. Tyre's room during lunch.

Mr. Jerry Tyre, history teacher and sponsor of both the Key Club and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

Key Club member Jeff Riley serves chili to Kim Owens and her mother Chris.

Above, Melissa and Kerry Adkison enjoy the chili prepared by Key Club members and help support the fundraiser for the community ballpark in Vernon.

Members of the Key Club prepare food for a benefit chili cookout. Shown at left are Angie Sapp, Rachael Williams, Misty Burch, and Mellissa Tharp.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

Members of FCA are Amanda Pettis, Vanessa Miyazato, Andrea Everitt, Karen Gilley, Angela Borrell, Ariane Andrews, Tamika Edwards, Barry Harper, Letisha Andrews, Comanesa Peterson, Patrice Roberts, Katresa Roberts, Anthony Brown, Juadon Smith, Joan Miller, Will Crawford, Jesús Milán, Jeff Riley, and Sponsor Mr. Jerry Tyre.

Leaders of Tomorrow's Business World

FBLA

Vernon High School's chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America—FBLA— is a favorite club among students. Sponsored by Mrs. Bobbie Dawson, the organization's members train and practice for various business competitions held throughout the school year. The officers were President—Mel Brown, Vice-President—Lena Green, Secretaries—Tracey Edwards and Karen Gilley, Historian—Erica Brown.

YOU CAN GET THERE FROM HERE

Mrs. Bobbie Dawson, business teacher, is also sponsor of the FBLA club at Vernon High School.

Justin Green, Freshman member of FBLA, looks rather grim as he exits the bus at the district meeting.

FBLA members are (front to back) Tamara Peterson, Lillian Potter, Charity White, Rebeca Lovett, Vanessa Miyazato, Patrice Roberts, Alicia Jackson, Melisande Brown, Natalie Haddock, Karen Gilley, Tynisha Peterson, Erica Brown, Rory Peterson, Justin Green, Tracey Edwards, Katresa Roberts, Anthony Brown, Tamika Edwards, Juadon Smith, Alzado Brown, Konstance Sheffield, Letisha Andrews, Comanesa Peterson, Tameka Hudson.

For the intellectually motivated . . .

BETA CLUB

The Beta Club is offered to students in grades 10, 11, and 12 who have a cumulative GPA of 3. 25 or better. Those who were inducted this year in a candlelight ceremony on October 12, 1995, were Letisha Andrews, Shasta Brock, Dawn Bullivant, Misty Burch, Leah Buswell, Molly Carter, Shanna Cook, Jennifer Everett, Lena Green, Alicia Jackson, Rebecca Lovett, Angie Sapp, Jeremy Sapp, Will Smith, and Heather Worthington.

Members attended the fall district meeting at Sneads, where Jennifer Evans won the Spelling Bee contest.

Around Christmas time, the club members participated in Stocking Stuffers and also took up $1 donations for the chance to win a giant Christmas stocking filled with toys and goodies.

Students practiced their trivia skills and then participated in the annual Beta Bowl in the Spring.

Graduating seniors who were members of the Beta Club wore special stoles proclaiming their membership during baccalaureate and commencement exercises.

Beta Club officers are Susan Rash—Treasurer, Charity White—Secretary, Andrea Everitt—Vice-President, and Tynisha Peterson—President.

Beta Club members are T. Simmons, M. Brown, J. Everett, C. White, A. Pettis, R. Lovett, V. Miyazato, S. Cody, J. Folmar, J. Miller, L. Blankenship, A. Jackson, S. Brock, S. Rash, N. Anderson, R. Weathers, M. Carter, S. Cook, K. Gilley, T. Peterson, J. Pooser, A. Everitt, W. Crawford, H. Worthington, W. Smith, L. Buswell, M. Burch, D. Peterson, A. Sapp, E. Brown, L. Green, L. Andrews, L. Cook, B. Harper, J. Milán, J. Sapp, J. Evans. Not pictured: B. Best, J. Harcus, T. Morris, J. Odom, J. Riley, K. Taylor, R. Walsingham, R. Walsingham, and C. Ward.

Hot off the press . . .

JOURNALISM STAFF

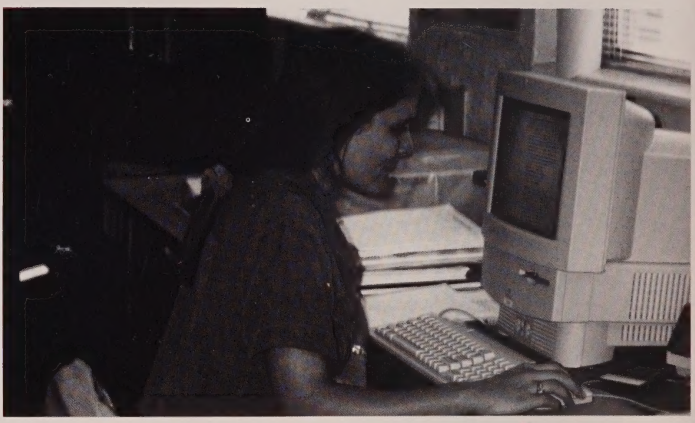
The VHS Journalism Staff published not only this issue of the *Jacket Buzz*, but also published six issues of *The Jackets' Sting* newspaper and submitted articles to the two county newspapers. Deadlines were always hectic and nerve-racking, but some quality work was turned out this year.

Using Macintosh computers, PageMaker and Yeartech software, laser printers, scanners, and whatever other technology they could lay hands on (and Danny could show them how to use!), the staff put together some great "chronicles" of Vernon High School life.

In addition, the staff traveled to the *Panama City News-Herald* in November to tour the newspaper offices and learn how Bay County's largest newspaper is published. The bus ride was made interesting—or annoying, depending on your point of view—by Patrice's and Tamika's reading of all signs. A quick trip to Wal-Mart and then a meal at Ryan's where Patrice went back numerous times to the dessert bar helped make the trip memorable.

Patrice Roberts is having a little trouble figuring out how to take pictures, a "must" if one wishes to be a member of the journalism staff. Look through it with your *eye*, girl, not your ear!

Senior staff member Shasta Brock gets ideas from last year's *Jacket Buzz* (and seems to be having a darn good time while she's at it!).



Staff editor, Lisa Blankenship, works on a newspaper layout.

Journalism staff members toured the *Panama City News-Herald* offices in November: (kneeling) Katresa Roberts and Tamika Edwards, (standing) Angela Borrell, Angela Folmar, Jennifer Folmar, Patrice Roberts, Andrea Everitt, Vanessa Miyazato, Lisa Blankenship, Joan Miller, adviser Mrs. Sally Bush, and Danny Paul. Not pictured: Leah Buswell and Karen Gilley.

Never Before, Never Again

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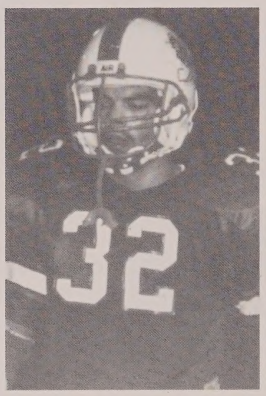
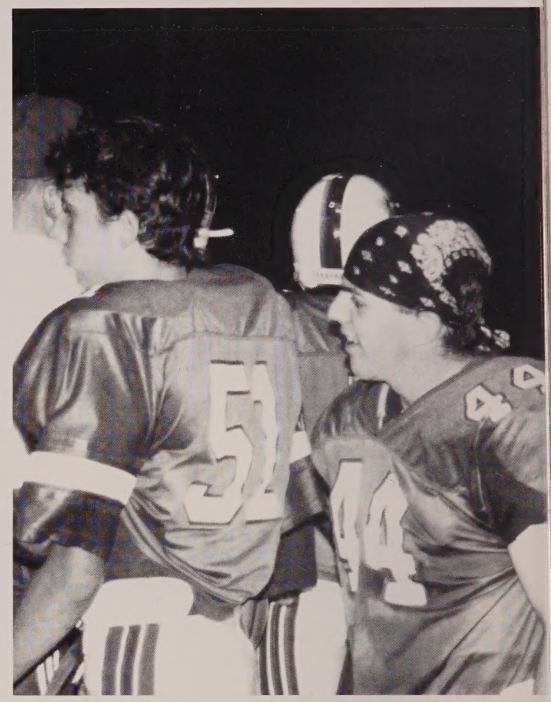
"Ah, Man! I can't believe you called that against us!" Jonathan Willoughby thoroughly disagrees with the call the ref just made against the Jackets, as he and Hezekiah Adams look on from the sidelines during a brief respite.

Senior Carlos Hernandez looks pooped as he walks toward the sideline during the homecoming game for a breather. He's already thinking about catching the next pass for a TD!



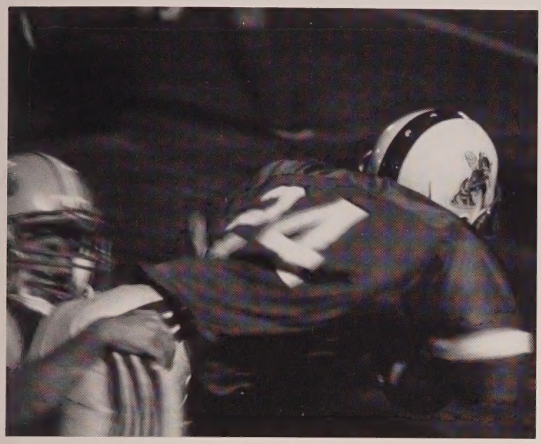


During the VHS Homecoming game, #24 Will Crawford, a senior, gets plenty of playing-time. Here Will runs the ball through the hole made by excellent blocking on the part of #32 Carlos Hernandez and #11 Matt Hall, as VHS goes on to win the game 23-6.

FROM START TO Finish

#24 Will Crawford is tackled on the play by an Appalachicola Shark during the homecoming game, but not before he gets enough yardage for a first down.

Below, the Varsity players huddle on the field during a time-out to talk over the next play.



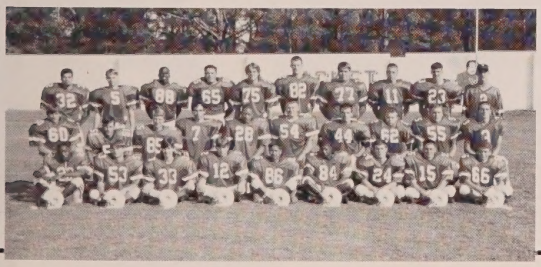
Season Wrap-Up

Not Bad, Guys!

	Us	Them
Carrabelle	18	12
Jay	7	14
Graceville	0	41
Quincy-Monroe	20	14
Trinity Christian	6	60
Apalachicola (HC)	23	6
Freeport	7	12
Cottondale	12	27
Aucilla Christian	13	20

Larry Brasher and Ryan Hammack are ready for Coach Alford to send them back in.

After being named the 1995 Mr. Jacket earlier in the day, Carlos Hernandez gets the now-traditional egging by his teammates after practice.

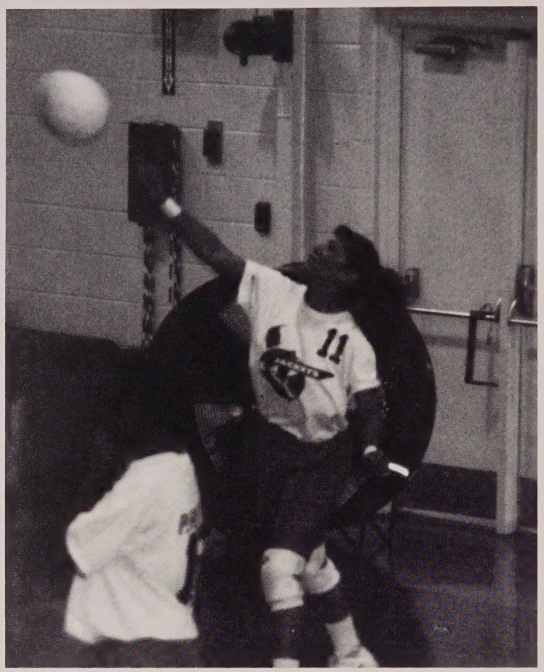


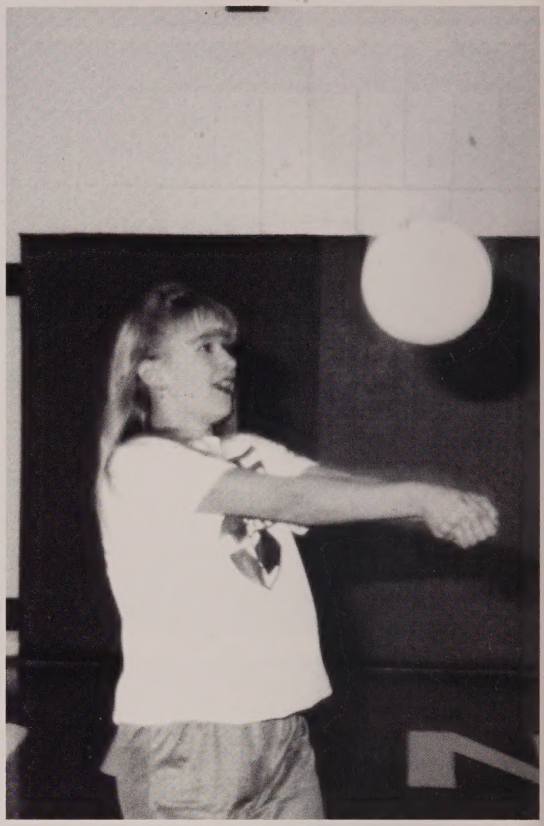
VHS Varsity team: (standing) C. Hernandez, T. Enfinger, C. Strayhand, C. Schulstadt, M. Cook, J. Finch, T. Hawkins, M. Hall, J. Rhoton, R. Williams, (kneeling) J. Owens, H. Adams, J. Hallock, J. Milán, K. Anderson, G. Brewer, J. Willoughby, R. Hammack, B. Ekstrom, L. Brasher, (sitting)T. Jackson, S. Barbee, W. Skipper, M. Sciolino, R. Ray, R. Peterson, W. Crawford, R. Paprzycki, and J. Ekstrom.

Senior players are (standing) Chris Strayhand, Jesús Milán, John Finch, Michael Cook, Bobby Ekstrom, Carlos Hernandez, (kneeling) Thad Enfinger, Will Crawford, Raymond Paprzycki, and John Owens.

When it counts, senior varsity player Karen Gilley (below) smashes a serve across the net that the opponents have no hope of returning.

Jessinta Bartimus (right), another senior varsity volleyball player, sets the ball up for her teammates during an afternoon practice session.





Set . . . Spike . . . Score!

Varsity Volleyball

The Lady Jackets had an outstanding season. The team got off to a rocky start but began to turn around after a few wins. They worked hard throughout the season, which for them started in the summer with a volleyball camp held here at VHS. At this camp, Susan Rash received the hustler award and Joan Miller received the most improved award.

One of the first items on the agenda for this group was raising enough money for new uniforms. Through many contributions from area businesses and individuals, they were able purchase great-looking shorts and t-shirts.

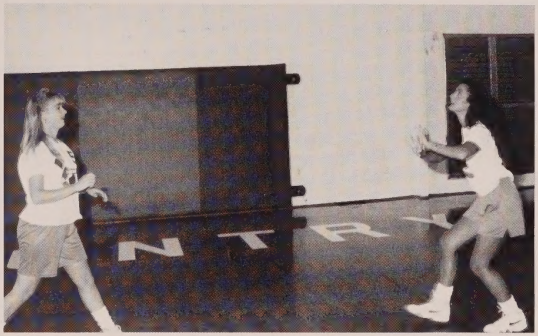
Even though they didn't have a winning season, the members had loads of fun learning to work with one another as a team.

Senior Varsity Volleyball players are (standing) Joan Miller, Amanda Pettis, Jennifer (Risha) Everett, (kneeling) Karen Gilley, Natalie Haddock, and Jessinta Bartimus.

Karen, Amanda, Susan, Risha, and Patrice stand ready for the opponent's serve. Karen doesn't look to be very impressed by the opposing team!

Susan Rash gets everyone psyched up for another game while the team huddles at the beginning of the game.

During one of Coach Register's grueling afternoon practices, Jessinta and Amanda practice setting up the ball.



VHS Win/Loss

Team Played	
Enterprise	L
Sneads	L
Jay	L
Jay	L
Bonifay	W
Chipley	W
Blountstown	L
Mosley	L
Blountstown	L
Pensacola Christian	W
Pensacola Christian	W
Bonifay	L
Marianna	L
Marianna	L
Walton	W
Chipley	W
Walton County	W
Jay	L

Lady Jackets

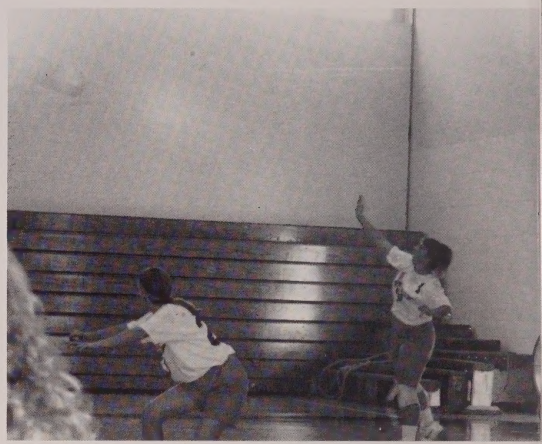
1995-96 Varsity Volleyball Team: (standing) Coach Kim Register, Susan Rash, Comanesa Peterson, Tamika Edwards, Karen Gilley, Natalie Haddock, Joan Miller, Amanda Pettis, Patrice Roberts, Jennifer Everett, Jessinta Bartimus, Katresa Roberts, (kneeling) Robin Matney and Hayley Dykes.

B-Team Sports

Girls' Volleyball

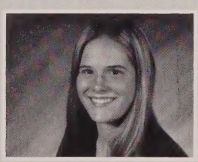
The Junior varsity team had a successful season this year. With a lot of new faces on the court, the team had to work hard to achieve a winning season. The returning players did an exceptional job in getting the new players prepared for the upcoming season with great help from coach Kim Register. But this hard work paid off when the team defeated the Chipley Tigers at home this year. But even when the team experienced a loss, they showed excellent teamwork. There were several outstanding players whom Mrs. Register expects to contribute greatly to the varsity team next year.

Ashley Zurica serves the ball while Sabrina Gill prepares for a possible return of the volleyball.



Above, Vernon B-team players are ready to back up Sabrina Gill as she returns the ball against the opposing Walton Braves.

At right, Vernon players psych themselves for a victory with high fives all around and a chant of Jacket Pride!



"As a whole, the team had an outstanding season. We learned many new things for the years to come."- Leeah Buswell, Soph.

B-team volleyball players: Standing—Coach Kim Register, April Todd, Sabrina Gill, Ashley Zurica, Leah Buswell, Tracey Edwards, Lena Green, Jackie Paprzycki; kneeling—Robin Matney, and Hayley Dykes.

Boys' JV Basketball

The 1995-96 JV Basketball team was a talented young group of men. Led by coach Lewis "Mac" Alford, they strived to do their best in what they loved, which is basketball. For some, it was their first year to play basketball. Even though this was a young team they came through with positive attitudes and skills that will help them in the future. With these talents we look forward to having them all on Varsity in the years to come. The top leading scorers of the team were Kenji Andrews, Will Smith, and Rory Peterson. Kenneth Anderson and Brent Potter were both excellent ball handlers. Kenneth Anderson's great leadership was crucial for the success the Jackets had.

Pictured from top to bottom, left to right: Will Smith goes for the score; Kenneth Anderson puts in his two points; Will Smith again skies for an additional two points; Kenji Andrews prepares for another outstanding half.

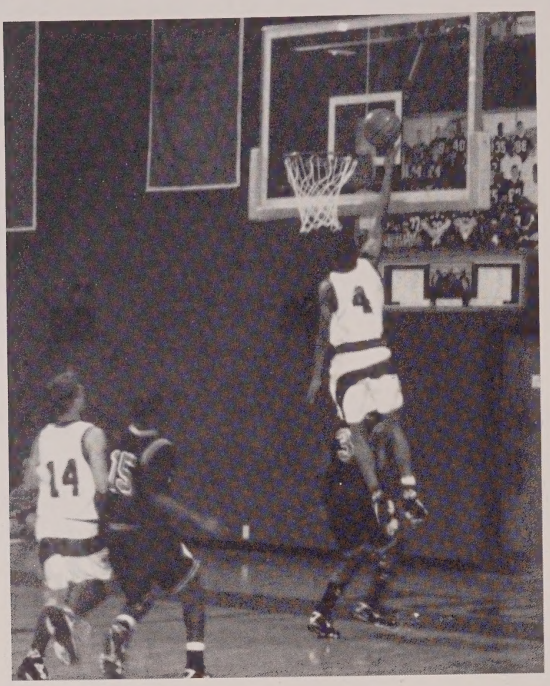
Above-The 1995-96 JV players of this year's team (standing)Alzado Brown, Justin Green, Will Smith, Kenji Andrews, Philip Stoker, John Mark Willoughby, Rory Peterson, (below), Jeremy Pelfrey, Michael Young, Raywat Ray, Kenneth Anderson, Brent Potter, Devin Lee, Matt Sciolino.

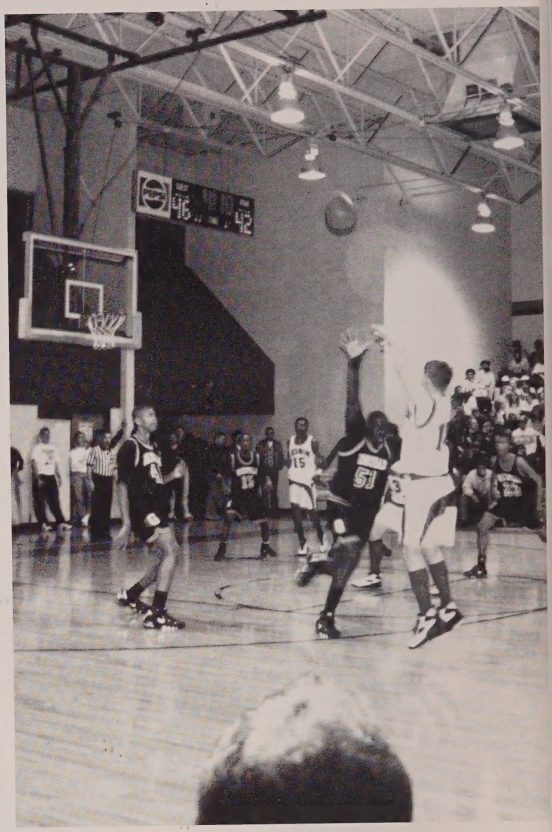
Opponents	Us	Them
Walton	43	47
Freeport	40	29
Blountstown	23	43
P.D.L.	36	59
P. Christian	36	41
Cottondale	23	13
Cottondale	39	40
Blountstown	28	36
Graceville	30	32
Chipley	45	52
Bonifay	34	43
P.D.L.	39	49
Walton	46	55

Opponents	Us	Them
Graceville	41	32
Blountstown	40	31
Bonifay	57	39
Chipley	25	25
Chipley	45	52
Bonifay	62	65

Below, Wadzeeh Jackson, the State Class 2-A Champ, skies over the Graceville Tigers for an extra two points.

Right, Reggie Worthington adds to his school breaking record of over 100 3-point shots by this outside shot against Graceville.





Boys' Varsity Basketball

The 1995-96 Varsity Basketball team made it all the way to Sub-Regionals this year where they were defeated by the Tallahassee Famu Baby Rattlers. Finishing the season record of 21-10 made it the best record in eleven years. Winning District over Graceville was a highlight of the season. The top scorers of the team were Wadzeeh Jackson, Reggie Worthington, and Anthony Brown. Wadzeeh was chosen Florida's class AA high school player of the year. Reggie Worthington broke the school's high school record with having over 100 3-point shots this season. This year's seniors will surely be missed.

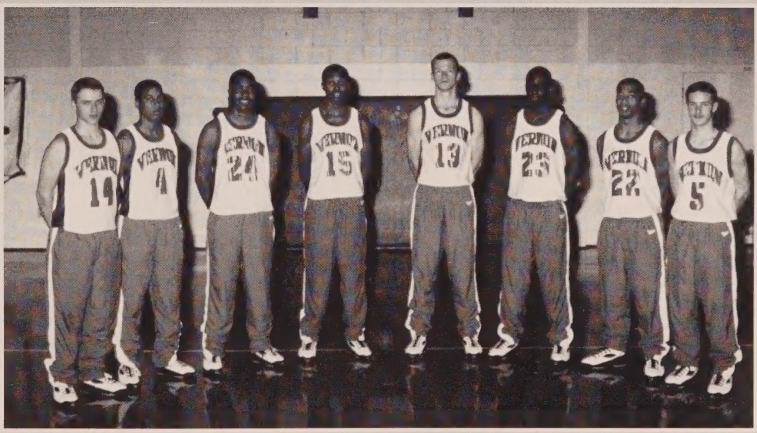
Above, the basketball team shows their excitement at winning the District Tournament against the Graceville Tigers, after losing close games to them during the regular season.

Left, Wadzeeh Jackson proudly holds his new team jersey after signing his basketball scholarship with the Gulf Coast Commodores.

Left, "Big" John Finch is thanking officer Arndt, our school resource officer, for being there to provide him with transportation needs.

Below, Anthony Brown is up and over, showing the Graceville Tigers how it's done.

	Us	Them
Opponents		
Rehobeth	109	76
Enterprise	79	64
Rehobeth	85	70
Wisksburg	65	47
Enterprise	87	70
Walton	76	57
Freeport	80	67
Blountstown	67	90
P.D.L.	55	30
Pen. Christian	101	50
Jay	71	39
Cottondale	68	49
Paxton	81	68
Baker	77	68
Cottondale	67	75
Blountstown	79	66
Graceville	66	65
Chipley	84	104
Bonifay	70	65
P.D.L.	86	54
Walton	84	56
Graceville	62	65
Chipley	86	96
Central	61	67
Bonifay	62	61



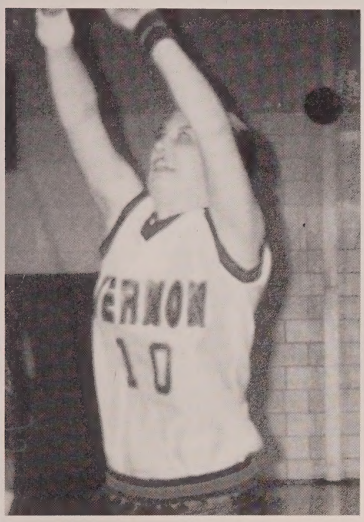
Above-The 1995-96 Varsity Basketball team (left-right) Reggie Worthington, Wadzeeh Jackson, Juadon Smith, Anthony Brown, John Finch, Elvis Brown, Walter McDonald, Jeff Nunnery.

Seniors Amanda Pettis, Lisa Blankenship, Clarissa Medina, Mandy Chambers, and Jessinta Bartimus, showing their appreciation for their parents.

Pictured right: Rachel Matney anxiously awaits under the goal to rebound the ball. Far right: Coach Bonner gives his team a strategic play to win the game.

Pictured right: Amanda Pettis and Mandy Chambers grieving over their injuries which hindered them from finishing out the rest of the season.

Pictured Below: Susan Rash shows us just how to hit a three pointer before the game.



VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL

While entering a new District this year that consisted of Ponce de Leon, Graceville, Jay, Freeport, and Central, the Varsity Lady Jackets were in their second year of rebuilding. Next year all but five of this year's members are expected to return.

"Although we only won four games this season I expect to have a better one next year. We have some great athletes coming from B-Team that I look forward to working with," said Coach Bonner.

Along with the ones that are expected to return, Susan Rash will definitely be one of them. Susan, who won All-Conference, has been playing on Varsity since she was in the eighth grade.

BASKETBALL

Girls' Basketball

Bonifay	Lost
Graceville	Lost
Chipley	Lost
Bonifay	Lost
Ponce de Leon	Lost
Jay	Lost
Cottondale	Lost
Blountstown	Won
Freeport	Lost
Freeport	Lost
Chipley	Lost
Grand Ridge	Lost
Poplar Springs	Won
Ponce de Leon	Lost
Cottondale	Lost
Freeport	Lost
Central	Lost
Poplar Springs	Won
Grand Ridge	Lost
Blountstown	Won

Pictured above left: Jessinta Bartimus is always there to back up one of her teamates. Pictured left: Back row left to right - Manager Stacia Pettis, Robin Matney, Mandy Chambers, Amanda Pettis, Rachel Matney. Front row left to right - Keiomi McDonald, Susan Rash, Hayley Dykes, Clarissa Medina. Not pictured: Lisa Blankenship and Jessinta Bartimus.

B - TEAM BASKETBALL

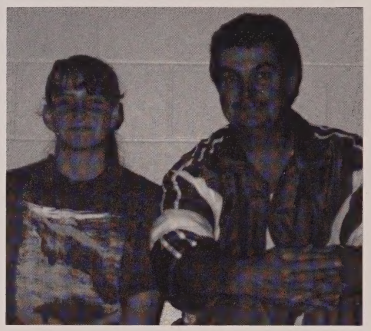
The Lady Jackets anticipate a pass from one of their teamates.

The talented Lady Jackets B - Team basketball players started this season under a new coach. Coach Earl Pettis began the year out basically trying to develop strategies and to make his team more better and stronger athletes.

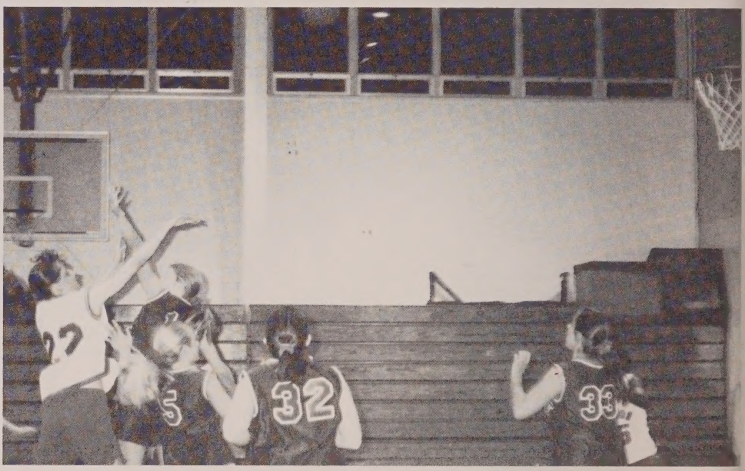
"He was a very good coach he was always a very easy going person, but serious when he needed to be. In my opinion we had a good season this year, but like all teams we had are good days and bad ones."

-Leah Buswell

Marla Harrell and Coach Pettis smile at the camera before the game starts.



Marla Harrell scores two as the opponent tries to block her shot.



Pictured left back row left to right: Christy Campbell, Leah Buswell, Cassandra Nettles, Ashley Zurica, and Coach Pettis. Bottom row: Alicia Jackson, Marla Harrell, Jennifer Rodriguez, Vionka Taylor, and Samantha Watkins.

The squad shows their talent as captain Heather Worthington smiles for the camera.

B-TEAM CHEERLEADING

Sometimes people often fail to think of how hard the cheerleaders work to support our teams. Cheering at both football and basketball games may look easy, but actually takes a lot of work and time.

This year's B-team cheerleading squad cheered at both Jr. Varsity Football and Basketball games. When sponsor, Mrs. Tyre, was asked about the squad, here's what she had to say: "The B-Team squad this year had a very good season. They all have a lot of potential, especially considering we only had two returning from last year. As long as they stick with it and keep up the good work they will make a very nice Varsity squad."

The Captain for this year's squad was Heather Worthington and the Co-Captain was Carly Moore.

Above left: The squad cheers the team on at aVernon v. Chipley game. Above: Waukesha Peterson concentrates on a cheer just before the game starts.

Pictured left - back row left to right - Mindy Williams, and Captain Heather Worthington; middle row - Carly Moore, Marie Boyce, Jocelyn Green, and Farrah Ridegway; bottom row - Lily Newsom, Waukesha Peterson, and Candice Kirk.

VARSITY CHEER-LEADERS

Left-These Seniors have done an outstanding job through the years keeping the crowd pepped up and into the game.

Below-The Varsity Cheerleaders Robin Walsingham, Joan Miller, Tynisha Peterson, Karen Gilley, Tamesha Hearne, Amy McDade Heather Collins, April Jenkins, Rachel Walsingham, Charity White, (sitting) Amiee Reupke, Celesica Howell.

Below-The cheerleaders show their spirit in the time out break during a varsity basketball game in Vernon.

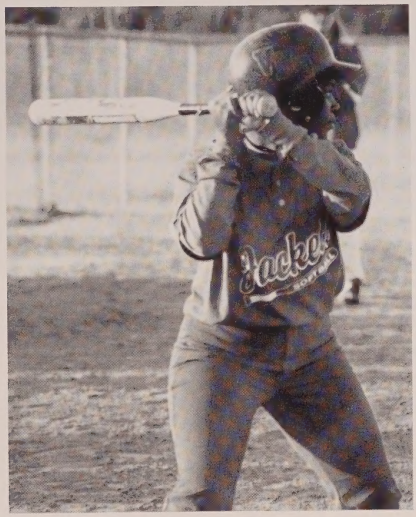
Above-Charity White shows her enthusiasm during a free throw shot by leaping high for a toe touch.

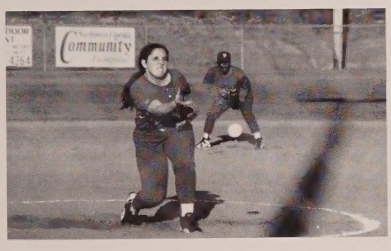
Right-Karen Gilley shows why weight lifting is important while she lifts Charity White into a half extension.

Right-The cheerleading squad shares a photogenic moment before the last home game.

Left: Alicia Jackson, Tiffany Pettis, and Rachel Williams are concentrating on making a great play.

B-Team Softball





Far left: Jocelyn Green and Heather Vickers are two of the pitchers on which the team depends.

Farrah Ridgeway is determined to get a base hit.

Above: The Yellow Jackets' JV Softball Team: (front to back) Heather Vickers, Candice Kirk, Rachel Williams, Farrah Ridgeway, Misty Lemire, and Tiffany Pettis.

Varsity Lady Jackets'

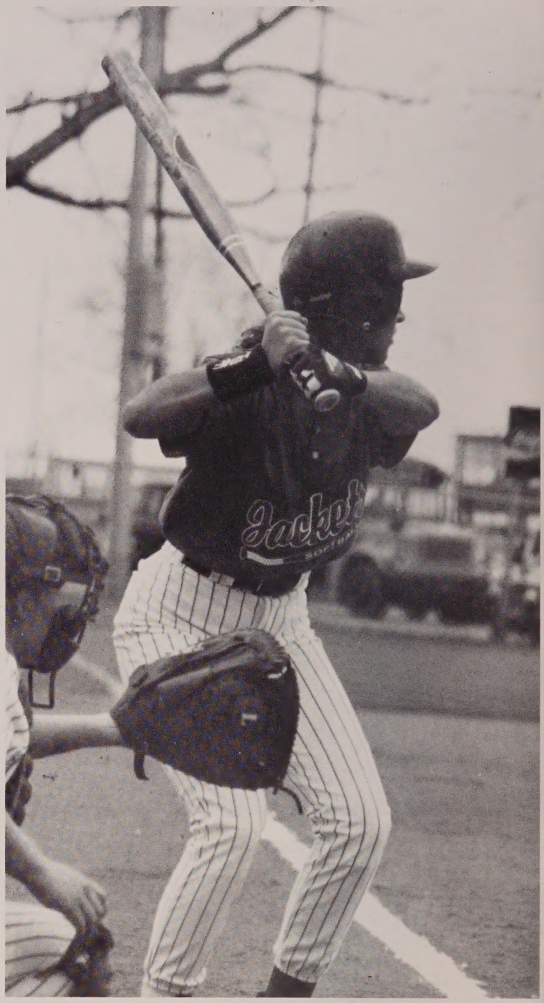
Softball

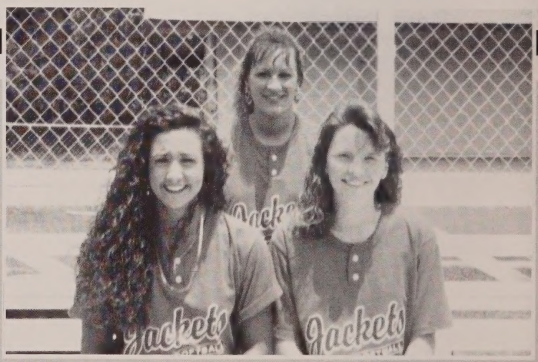
The Vernon High School Lady Jackets had another outstanding season this year. After much practice and hard work, they began their season with lots of anticipation and very little intimidation, feeling prepared to do battle with any team around. They always pulled together to produce the best results.

Following in her sister's footsteps, Amanda Pettis signed a full scholarship with Chipola Junior College. At the athletic banquet, she received the best offensive player of the year award. Senior Mandy Chambers also signed a full scholarship with Enterprise. Mandy received best defensive player of the year. Overall, however, the coach and players of the team were pleased with their winning season, and hope they'll do just as well next year with a number of players returning with this season's experience under their belt.

Above: Amanda Pettis is signing her scholarship with her new coach at Chipola Junior College.

Right: Karen Gilley is concentrating on where the weak spot on the opponents' team is located.





Above , the three seniors on the team: (front) Amanda Pettis, and Mandy Chambers, (back) Karen Gilley.

Left: Leah Buswell, Karen Gilley, and Mandy Chambers are breaking down to get ready to make an outstanding play.

Below: Susan Rash drills the ball into the out field for an outstanding play that the opposing team could not return.

Left: Coach Register gives the team a good pep talk as she sends them on the field.

Above: (from front to back) Coach Register, Susan Rash, Amanda Pettis, Hayley Dykes, Tammie Morris, (Back) Ashley Zurica, Mandy Chambers, Karen Gilley, Crystal Causey, and Leah Buswell.

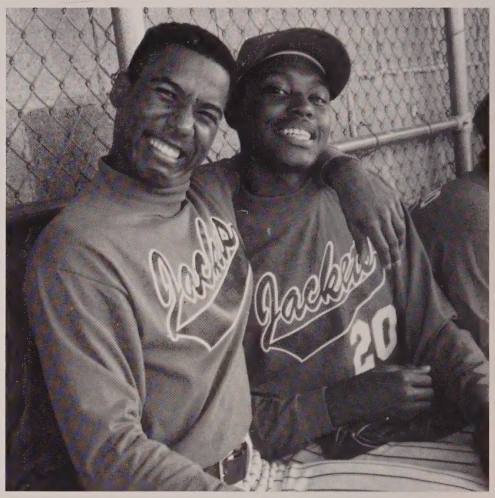
Varsity Boys' Baseball

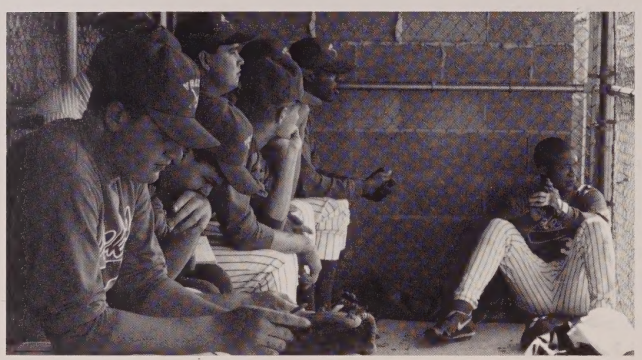
The baseball team ended this season with a record of 13 wins and 16 losses. The Jackets made it to the Regional Tournament or the "Sweet 16" in Classification 2A before losing to Liberty County in the Regional Tournament.

Team leaders were Matt Hall with a .412 batting average, 8 homeruns, and 28 runs batted in. Richey Williams had a batting average of .373, 7 homeruns, and 18 RBI's. Kenny Anderson had a .317 batting average, Gabe Brewer .299, Larry Brasher .292, and Wadzeeh Jackson .310.

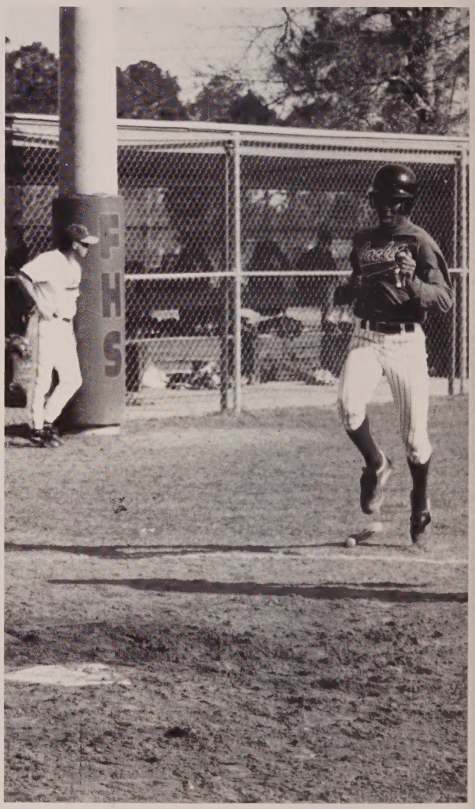
Leading pitchers were Wadzeeh Jackson with a 6-2 performance, and Matt Hall 4-4. Matt Hall had 46 strikeouts, and Wadzeeh Jackson had 49.

Wadzeeh *"Big Daddy"* Jackson, and Anthony *"Tick"* Brown take time out to do what they do best : CLOWN!





Above, Varsity players await Coach Alford and his remarks at the end of a hard-fought game. Right, Larry Brasher gets a base hit from this at-bat. Far right, Wadzeeh Jackson lopes into home in a game against Chipley.



Above left, Richey Williams cranks up his fastball.

Above, Coach Alford calls for a meeting of the in-field in order to give some words of inspiration during the season finals against Bonifay.

Left, Rory Peterson gets a lead off of first base, preparing to steal second.

SEASON WRAP-UP

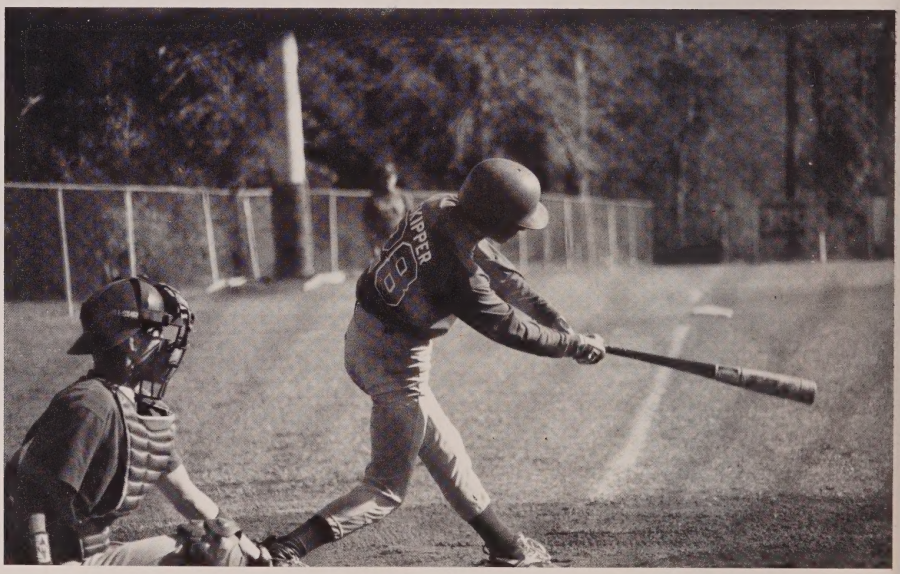
Samson, Al	W
Samson, Al	W
Freeport	W
Graceville	L
Jay	L
Pensacola	W
Ponce De Leon	W
Chipley	L
Cottondale	W
Blounstown	W
Chipley	L
Graceville	L
Ponce De Leon	W
North Hardin, KY	L
Taylor Co., KY	L
Green Co., KY	L
Cottondale	W
Milton Central	W
Freeport	W
Bonifay	L

Front row left to right: Kenny Anderson, Will Crawford, Gabriel Brewer, Tremaine Jackson, Rory Peterson, and John Owens. Back row left to right: Coach Bonner, Matt Hall, Thad Enfinger, Tray Hawkins, Anthony Brown, Larry Brasher, Ronnie Smith, Chris Strayhand, Wadzeeh Jackson, Jonathon Willoughby, Reggie Worthington, and Coach Alford. (Not Pictured - Richey Williams)

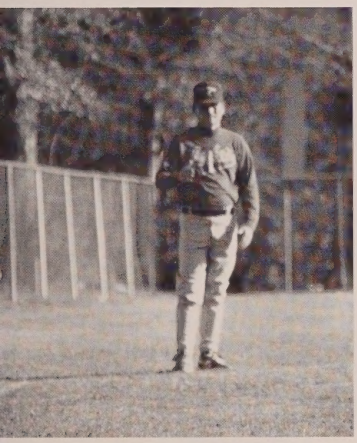
JV BASEBALL

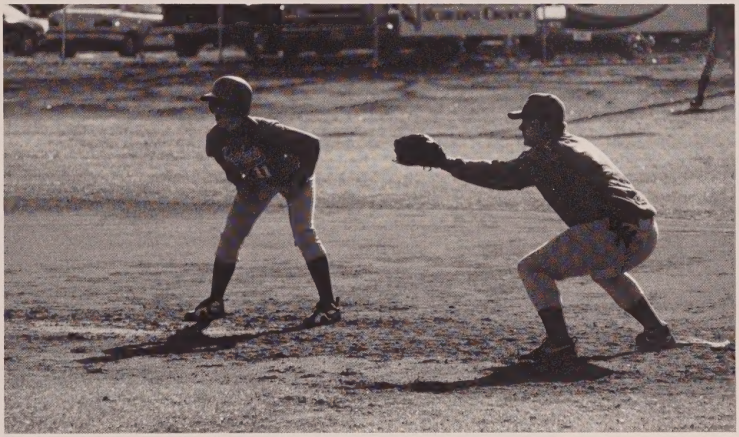
Members of this year's JV baseball team were pitchers Dylan Paffos, Raywat Ray, Jake Rutherford, Jeremy Pelfrey, Waylon Yates, and Terron Peterson. Catchers for the team were Matt Sciolino and Chuck Suggs. First basemen were Lee Duke and Michael Hightower; second basemen were Richard Day, Waylon Skipper, and Samuel Roche; and third basemen were Brandon Andrews and Chuck. Dylan, Jeremy, and Terron also played shortstop. Michael Young, Jesse English, Adam Destifino, Christon Birge, Alex Jasso, Raywat and Jake played the outfield.

Waylon Skipper connects for a hit down the third base line.



Left, Chuck Suggs take a cut at a high fastball. Below left, Coach Merle Bonner gives the signal to the batter. Below, Christon Birge takes a lead off of first base, watching the pitcher before making the steal.



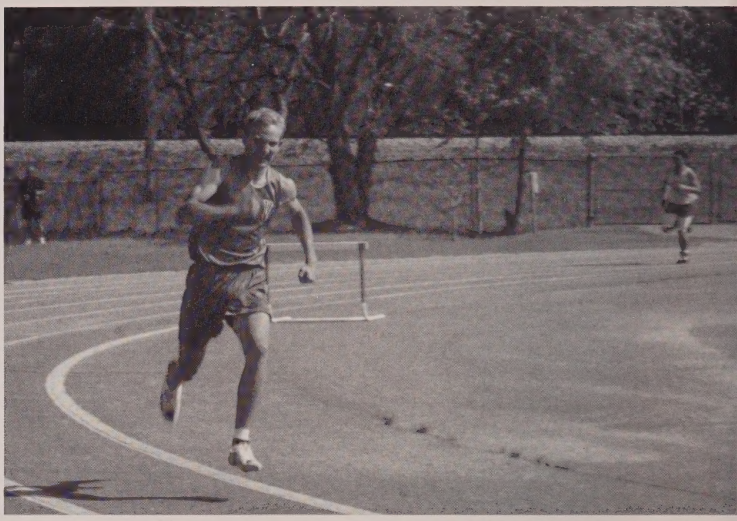


Four of the JV team members pose for a picture: Richard Day, Matt Sciolino, Michael Young, and Dylan Paffos.

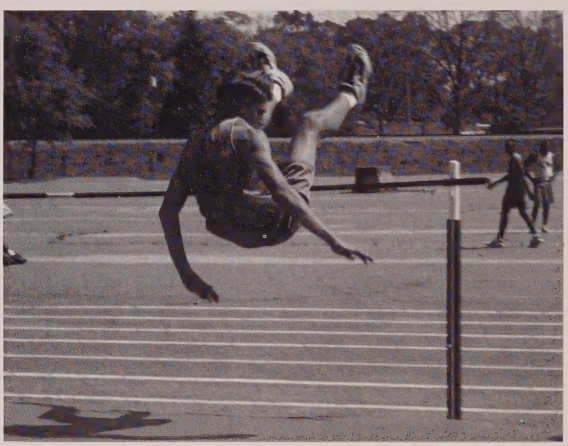
BOYS' & GIRLS' TRACK

The track team did well in competition this year, coming away with a number of ribbons. To top off a successful season, the male relay team traveled to Gainesville to the state track meet, placing ninth in the two-mile relay. In addition, Lonnie Cook placed eleventh in the 400-meter. Coach Charles Brown commented that he was very proud of this year's team, as they did excepetionally well at District and Conference meets.

Lonnie Cook pulls ahead nearing the finish line at the District track meet.



Sophomore Will Smith clears the bar in the high jump. He will next go on to win first place in the 800 at the Conference track meet in Chipley.

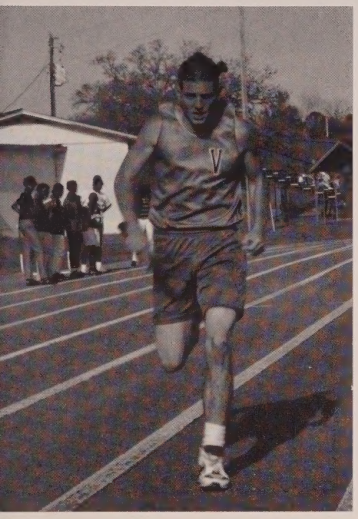


Joan Miller shows the form that wins her first place honors in the discus at the Conference meet.

Members of the girls' track team are (standing) April Jenkins, Angie Sapp, Joan Miller, Natasha Rodriguez, (kneeling) Samantha Cook, Misty Burch, Aimee Reupke, and Jackie Cargo.

Members of the boys' track team are Peter Courtney, Lonnie Cook, Charles Pate, Will Smith, Alex Jasso, John Finch, David Church, Jeff Ekstrom, John Lively, and, kneeling, Carlos Hernandez.

Carlos Hernandez puts Aimee Reupke and April Jenkins in a headlock as Joan Miller looks on dubiously just prior to a track meet.



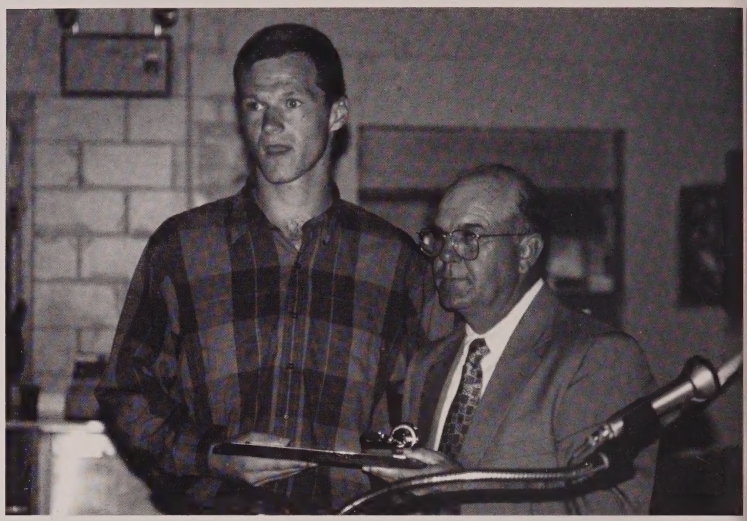
Left, David Church readies himself to hand off the baton in the relay. Above, senior members of the track team are Charles Pate, Carlos Hernandez, John Finch, Lonnie Cook, April Jenkins, and Joan Miller.

Track team members pose for a group shot before competing in the District meet in Chipley. Standing are team members Peter Courtney, Angie Sapp, Charles Pate, Jackie Cargo, David Church, Aimee Reupke, Alex Jasso, John Lively, April Jenkins, John Finch, Lonnie Cook, Samantha Cook, Will Smith, Misty Burch, Jeff Ekstrom, and sitting, Natasha Rodriguez, Carlos Hernandez, and Joan Miller.

Athletic Banquet

On Saturday, May 21,1996 the Athletic Banquet was held in the Vernon High School cafeteria. The banquet honored all students who participated in football, cheerleading, basketball, softball, baseball, and track.

John Finch receives the prestigious Mr. Jacket award from Coach Mac Alford.



Left, senior Reggie Worthington receives an award for making the most three point shots in varsity basketball. In addition to playing basketball, Reggie also played football and baseball.

Right, Principal Howard Riley presents senior Carlos Hernandez with the Earl Sellers Award and trophy. Carlos played football, basketball, and ran track during his years at VHS.

Above, Susan Rash accepts the Most Valuable Player award in girls' basketball. She also received the Team Setter Award, Most Valuable Player in softball, letter awards, and All Conference. Right, Karen Gilley receives the Alexis Andrews Memorial Award from Coach Register.

Grades

Freshmen

Above: Freshmen celebrate a silly olympic victory. The freshmen showed their spirit, placing second in the spirit stick contest.

Above: Arthur Hudson, Donaldson Campbell, and Jermaine Marks take a break from the game to smile for the camera.

Above: Diligent float workers from the freshman class pose on their float just prior to the parade.

Above: Ashley Kirkland, John Mark Willoughby, and Jackie Cargo show that the transition from middle school to high school is not all that bad.

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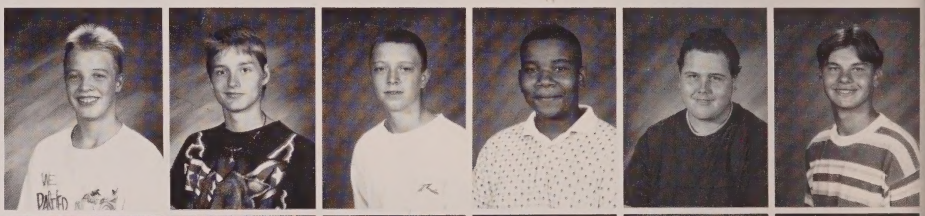
Eric Anderson
Gary Anderson
Brandon Andrews
Byron Anglin
Sonny Barbee



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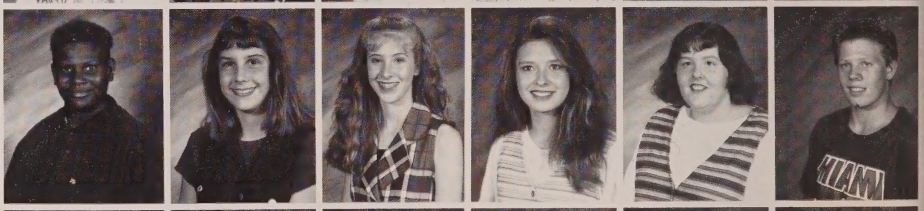
Elizabeth Bradley
Sharita Brasher
Travis Brock



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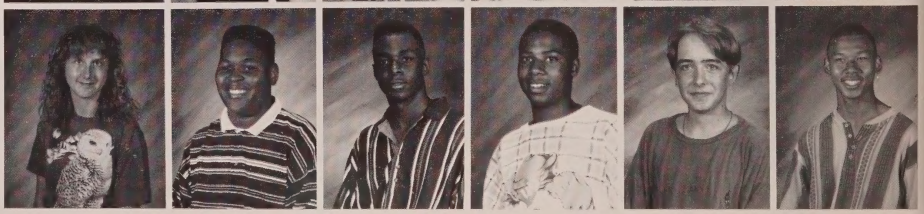
Alzado Brown
Elvis Brown
Frederick Brown
Matt Brown
Jesse Buckley



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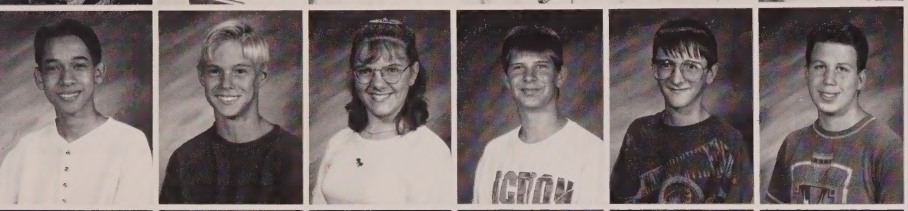
Jackie Cargo
Rena Cobb
Johnathan Cook
Samantha Cook



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Lee Duke
Jesse English
Earl Evans

Cherice Eversole
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Pamela Howard
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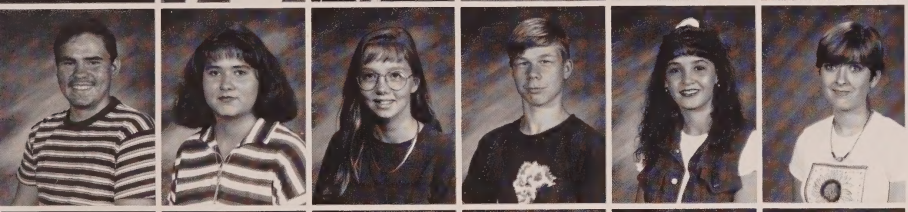

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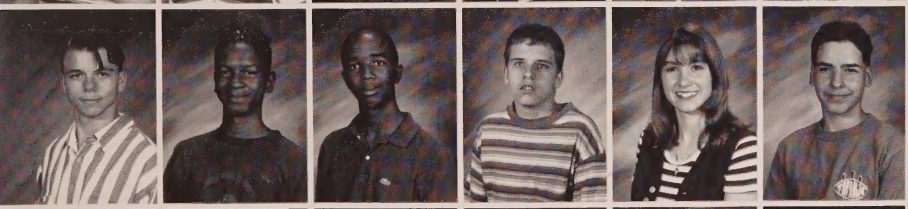

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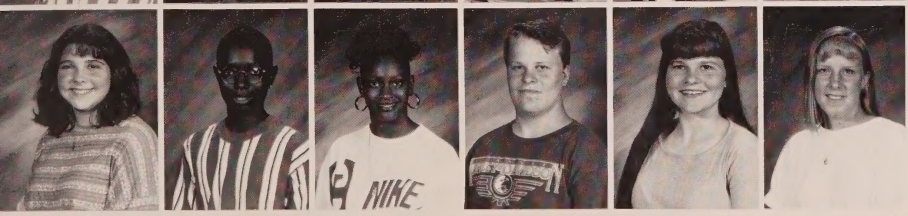

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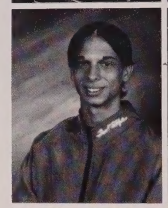

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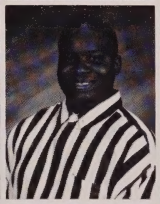
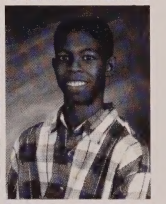

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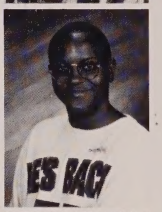

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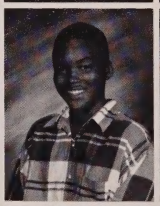

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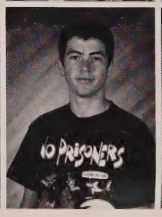
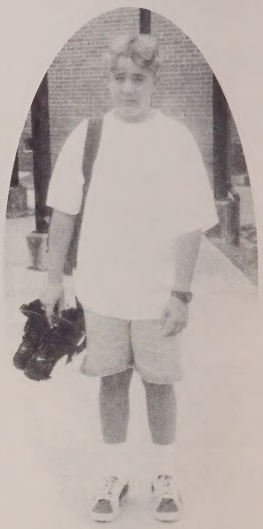
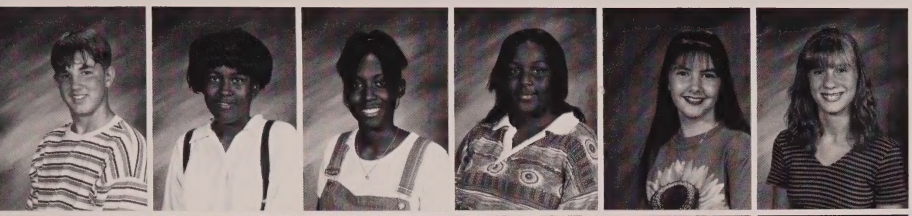




Top: Amber Bennett looks dazed and confused as she puts the finishing touches on the freshman float.
Center: Dylan looks tired after PE with Coach Todd.
Bottom: Lacy Tison shows her support for the Jackets.



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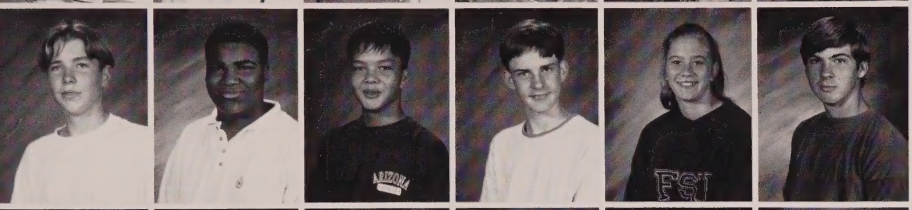

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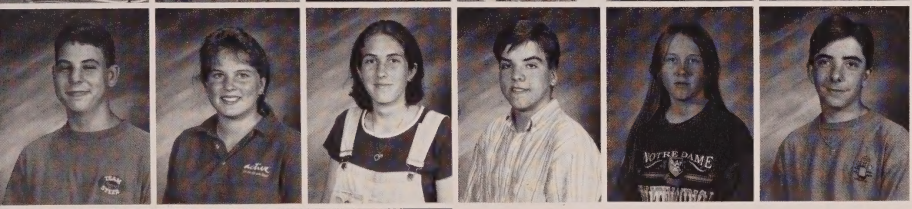

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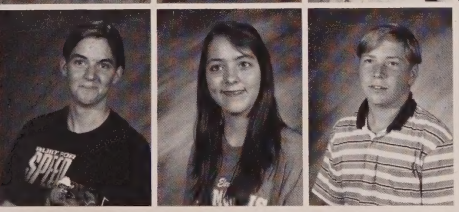

David Young
Diane Young
Michael Young

Not Pictured:
Devin Lee
Johnathan Miller
Lawrence Pyne

Above, Lee Duke stops to say hello on his way to audition for Hee Haw.

Left: Freshmen John Lively, Alex Jasso, Raywat Ray, Crystal Morris, and Ashley Page dream of the day when they will be able to drive a car.

Never Before Seen: A Class Like the Sophomores!

Here are a couple of friends who say they will be friends forever! Above are best friends Karen Clark and Mindy Williams.

Future beautician (!?) Molly Carter styles Shanna Cook's hair while Will Smith offers constructive criticism.

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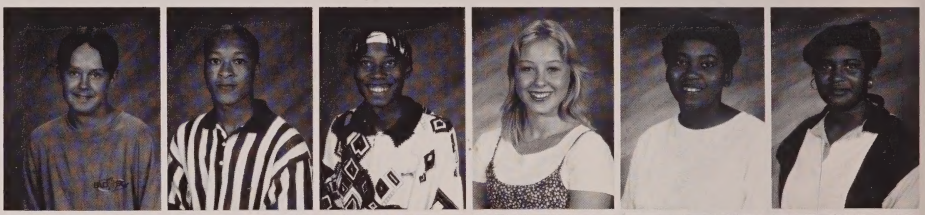
Kenneth Anderson
Kenji Andrews
Mandy Anderson
Eureka Bell
Monique Bell



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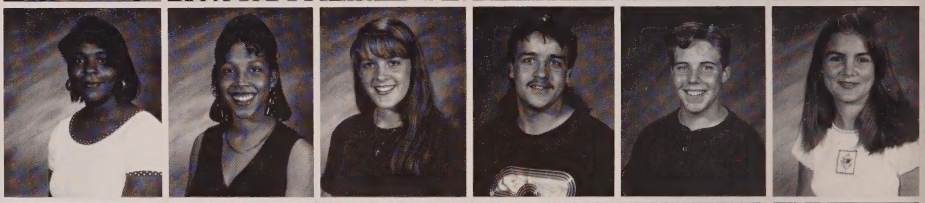

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Karen Clark
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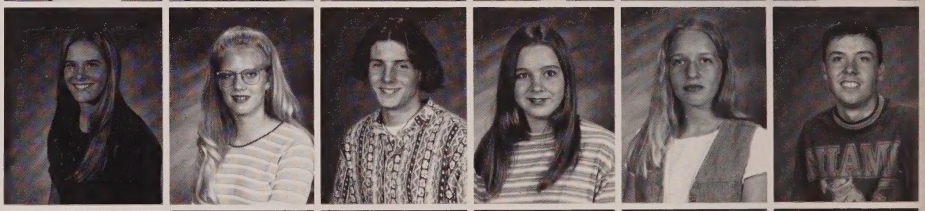

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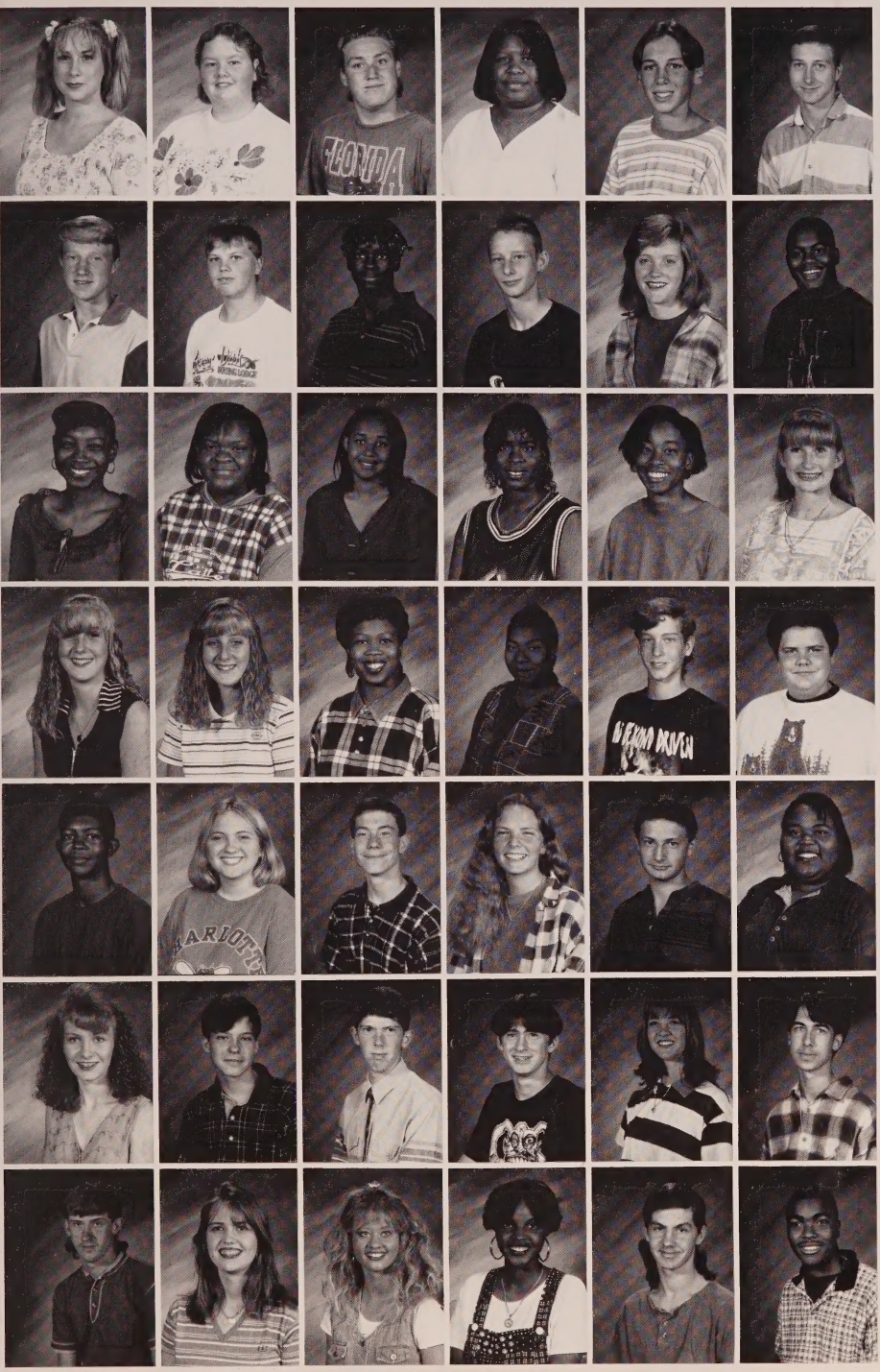

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Shannon Hogans

Tameka Hudson
Alicia Jackson
Tomika Jackson
Tonya Johns
Yolanda Johns
Candice Kirk

Rachel Matney
Robin Matney
Keiomi McDonald
April Nettles
Chris Parks
Nick Perez

Rory Peterson
Stacia Pettis
Olen Pettis
Bobbie Pilgrim
Chad Pruett
LaToya Reed

Carolyn Rich
John Rogers
Jason Rogers
Jake Rutherford
Angela Sapp
Will Seemer

Adam Shelley
Kristal Shelley
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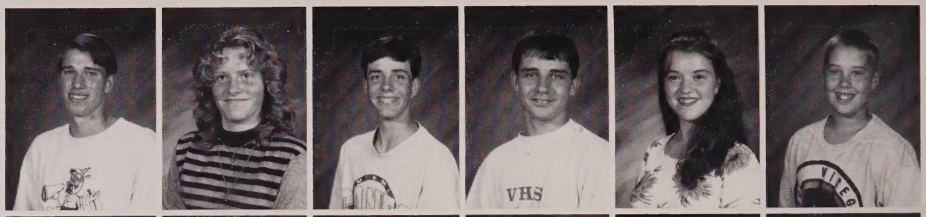

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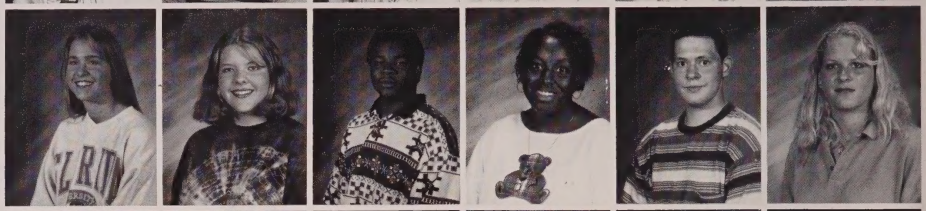

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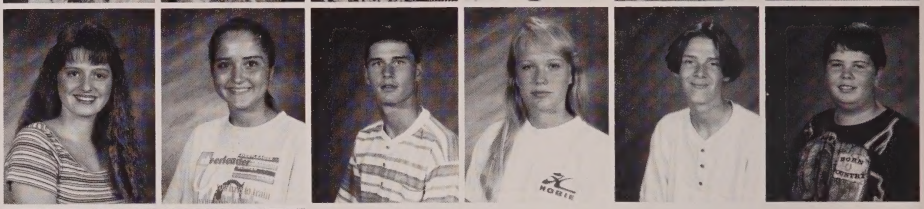

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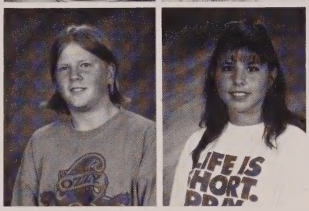


Not pictured: Hezekiah Adams, Dallas Anglin, Laura Bird, Larry Brasher, David Church, James Creel, Perry Halstead, Daniel Mueller, Matthew Pate, Ronnie Smith, Chad Taylor, and Elizabeth Wiggins

Above, Mandy Anderson gives a cheerful smile. Andy While, Samuel Roche, Chad Taylor, and Jeremy Pelfrey chill out at lunch. Right, Tonya Johns shows us what she really thinks of us. Kevin Grossmith is surprised into a smile.

THOSE CANDID SOPHO-MORES

Left, Robin Matney and Hayley Dykes share some lunch and friendship.

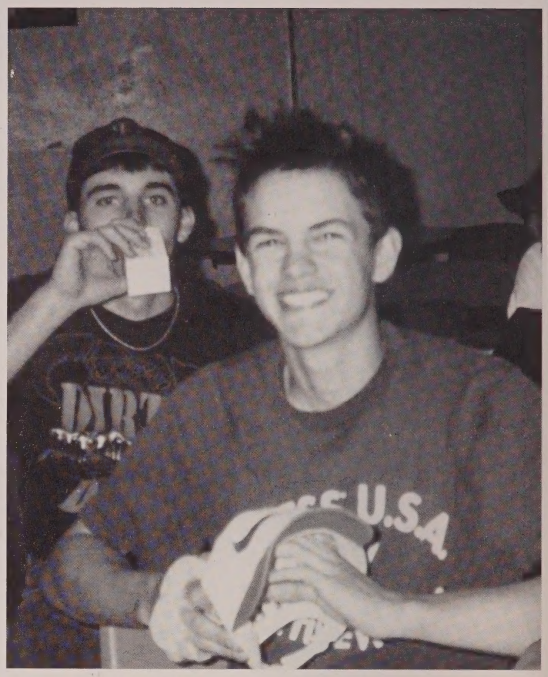
Above left, Kenny Earl Anderson gets in the Christmas spirit.

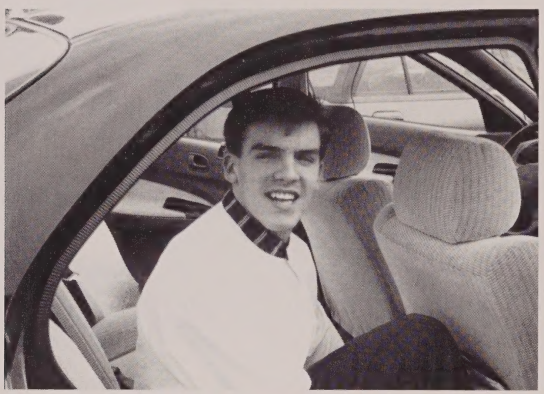
Above, Yolanda Johns and Misty Burch appear to be up to no good.

Left, Ashley Zurica, Candice Kirk, and Hayley Dykes practice a scene from Julius Caesar.

Bottom, Leah Buswell, aka Caesar, plays dead pretty well, huh?!

Right: Martha Newsome helps Stacy Cody clean out her locker. Far right: Chad Gainey sports a new hairstyle. Looking good Chad. Bottom: Johnathan Willoughby says, " I'm ready; where is my chauffeur?"





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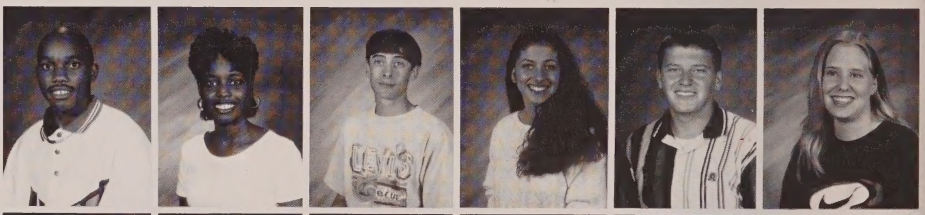

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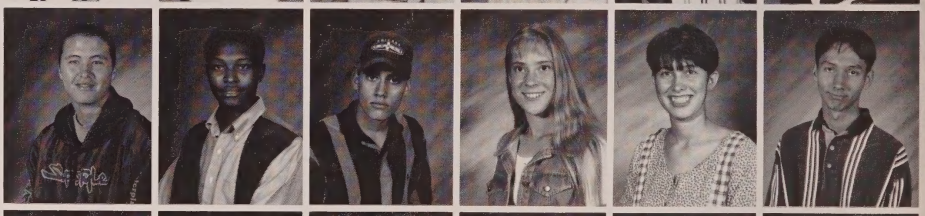

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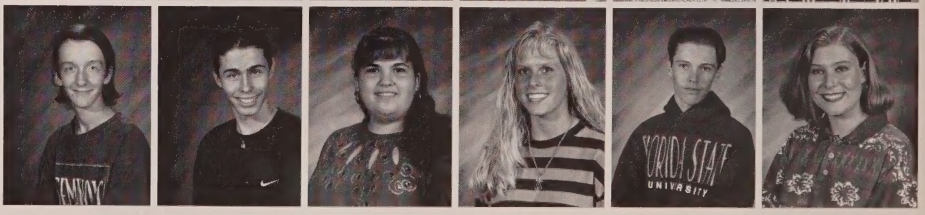

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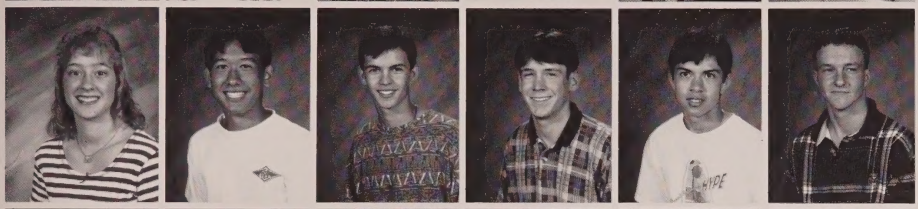

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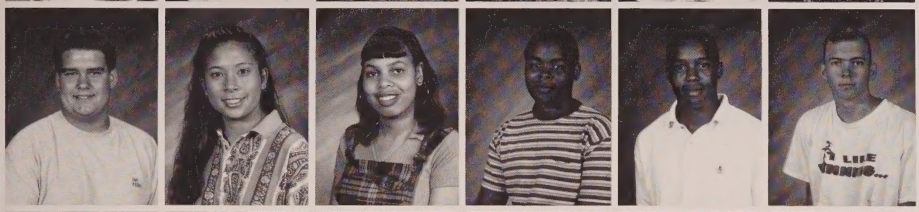

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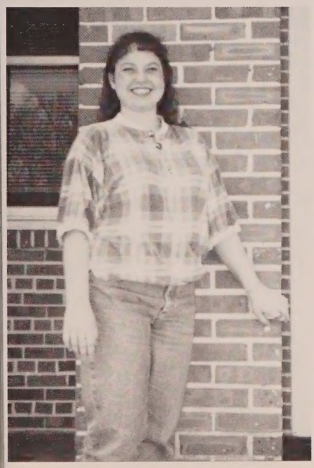

Left, Rebecca Lovett has that mischievous grin on her face! What's she up to now? Above, James Odom fixing (or tearing up?) the hole punch in the library .

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Jeremy Sapp
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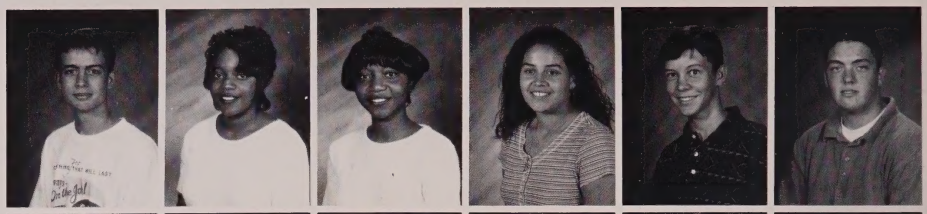

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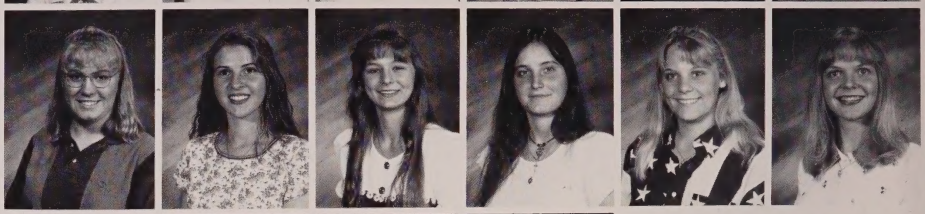
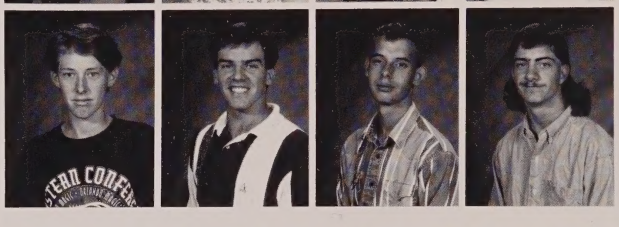
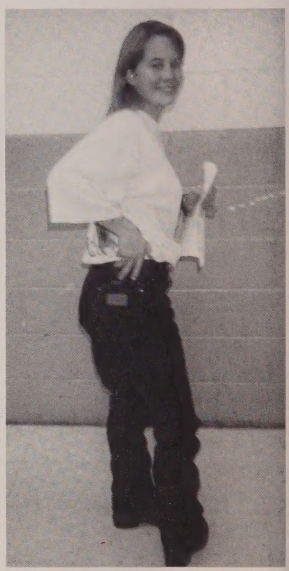


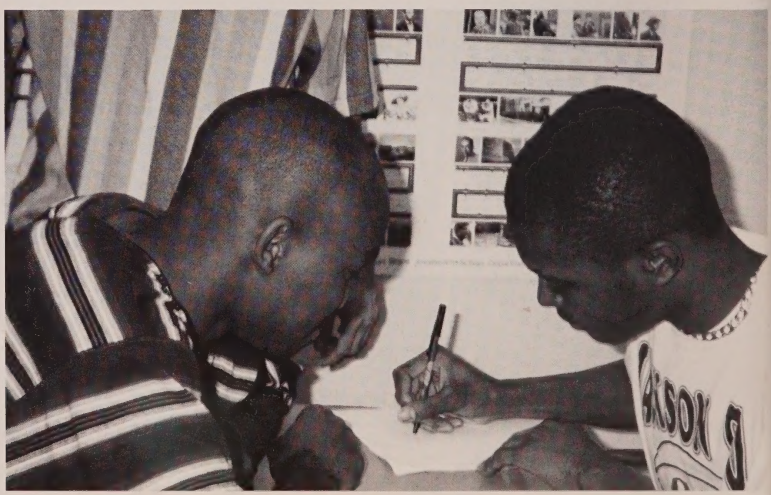
Warren Whitfield
Jonathan Willoughby
Walter Wilson
Chris Wise

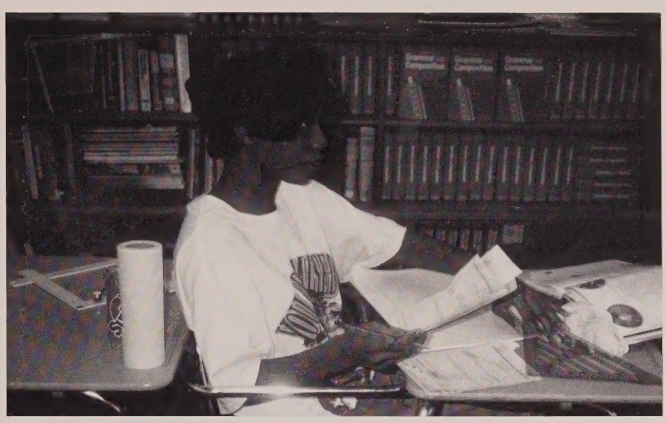
Not pictured: Jared Bourkard, Jason Cates, Josh Emmerick, and Tavares Troublefield.



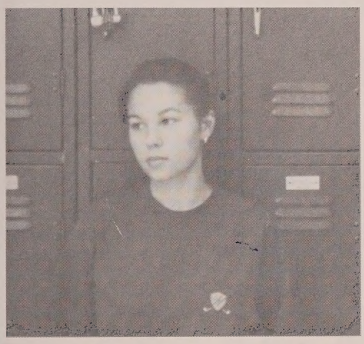


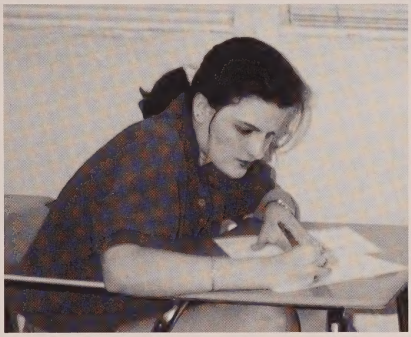
Above: Katresa and Patrice Roberts use their feminine wiles on Tremaine Jackson. Above right: Susan Rash shows off her Wrangler jeans. Right: Is it?! Can it be? Ariane Andrews and Anthony Brown appear to be doing homework!





Left, Tanya Smith relaxes on the front steps of the school after lunch. Hold that smile till we get the camera just right! Above, Patrice Roberts works on the ad section of the yearbook. Just notice that happy look on her face!





Above from left to right, Vanessa! This isn't a police mug shot! Cheer up! Stephanie Cates is serious about that make-up work. Dawn Bullivant smiles, but beneath that soft exterior lurks the heart of a JROTC officer! Left, Tray Hawkins and Rebecca Lovett, junior sweethearts, relax at the end of the class period and catch up on those sweet nothin's.

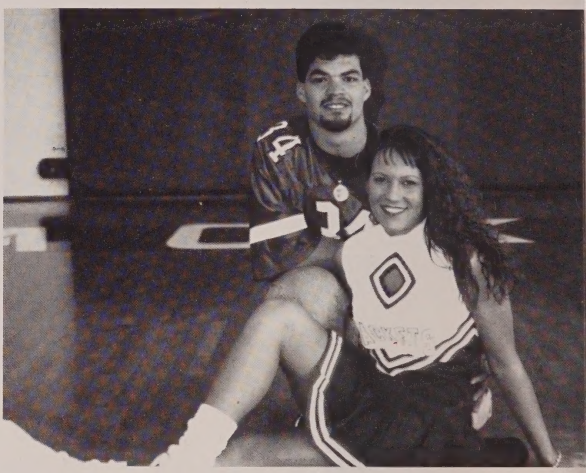
Senior Superlatives

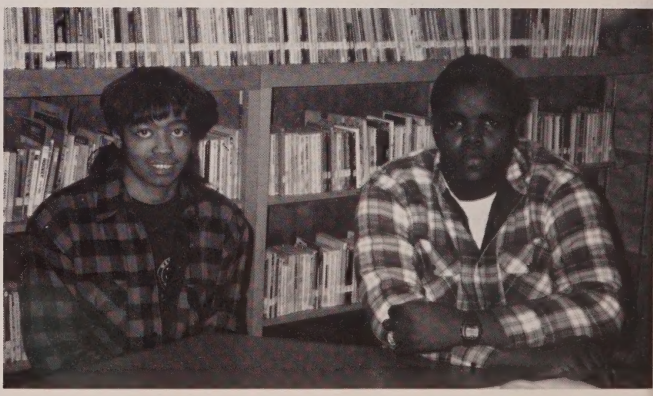
Top to bottom, left to right-**Most Dependable: Danny Paul and Lisa Blankenship**

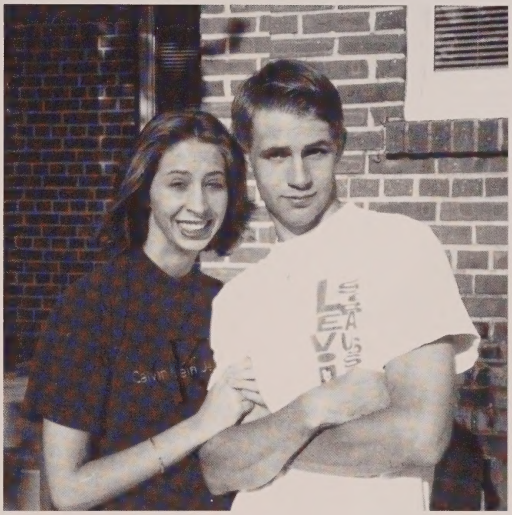
Best All Around: Niki Anderson and Will Crawford

Most School Spirit: Carlos Hernandez and Karen Gilley

Quietest: Tamara Peterson and Michael Jackson







Top to bottom, left to right-**Most Attractive: Reggie Worthington and Amanda Pettis**

Class Flirts: Julia Pooser and Shaun Rhodes

Best Sense of Humor: Kristie Taylor and Thad Enfinger

Most Talkative: Robin Walsingham and Thad Enfinger

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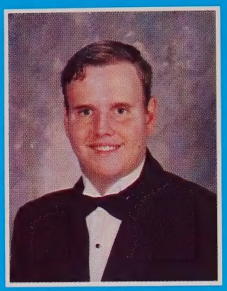
Niki Anderson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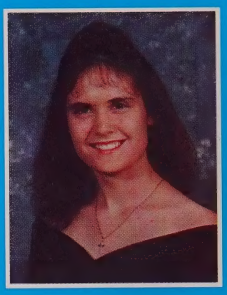
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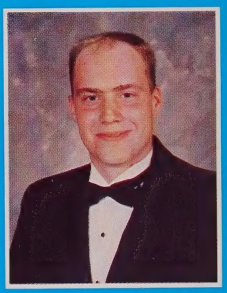
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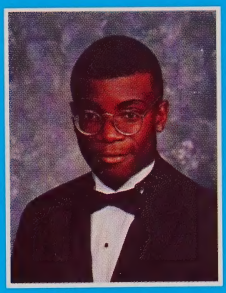
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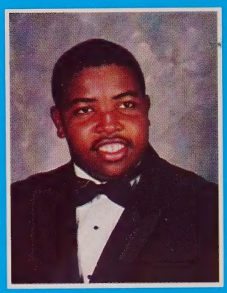
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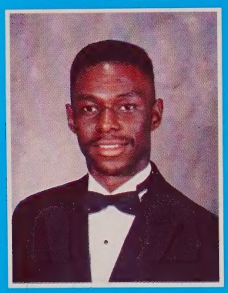
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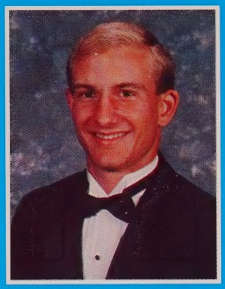
Rhonda Broxton

Kelley Carnley

Mandy Chambers

Senior Class

Heather Collins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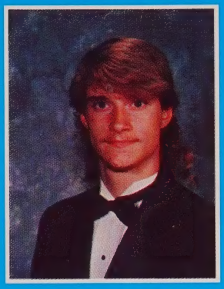
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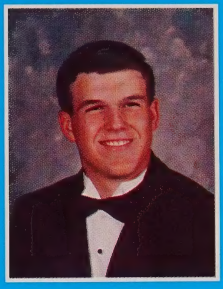
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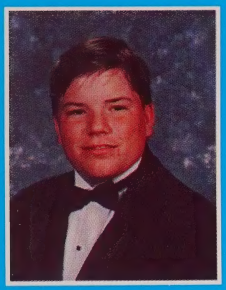
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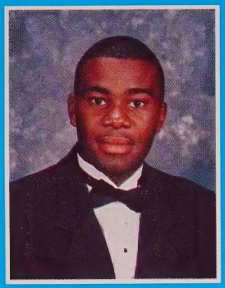
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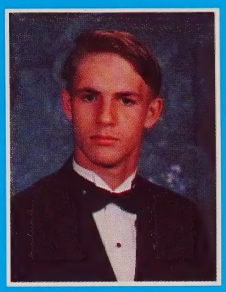
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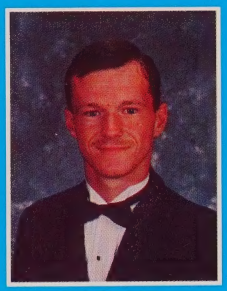
Jennifer Everett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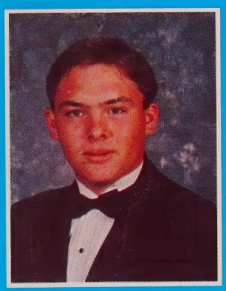
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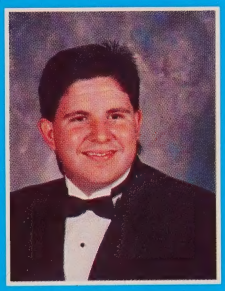
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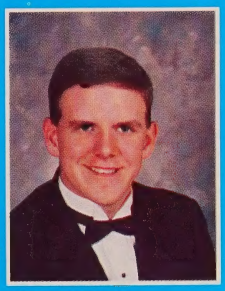
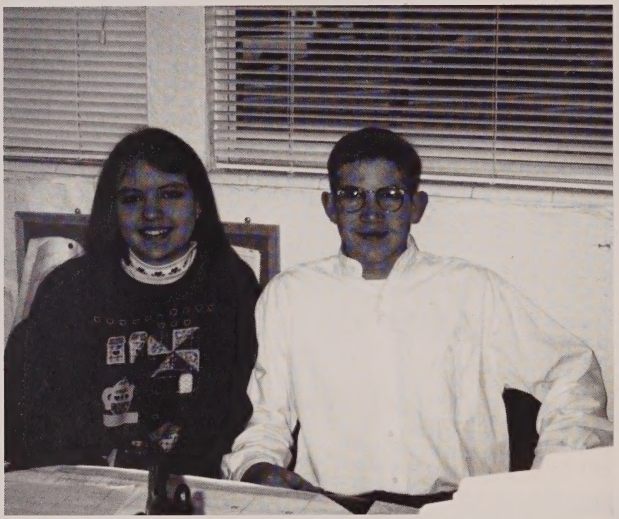

Barry Harper

never had it so *Good*



Top to bottom, left to right--**Most Likely to Succeed: Danny Paul and Joan Miller**

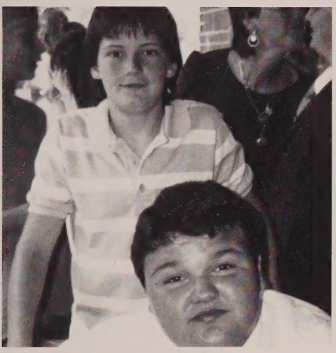
Best Leadership: Lisa Blankenship and Michael Saturley

Most Gullible: Barry Harper and April Jenkins

Most Athletic: Wadzeeh Jackson, Amanda Pettis, and John Finch

Tyler Chesnut

One Sweet Day



Thirteen years ago, we the class of 1996 started out together on a journey that would forever link us together. We started out all alone in a sea of strangers all without a care in the world. That journey was school, and taking that journey with us was Tyler Chesnut, who suffered from Muscular Dystrophy, a disease that made him very weak in body but strong in spirit. The Senior class chose their class song, *One Sweet Day*, in memory of Tyler Chesnut. It was played at the Bacccularеate service as a dedication to him. The seniors wanted to include a few of their memories on this page.

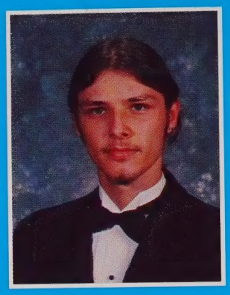
"If you were ever around him you'd know how he was. He always had a competitive spirit in school and his grades. He always had a smile on and could always cheer you up. He may be gone from us, but he's in a much better place. His life was short, but it wasn't meaningless. He touched so many people in one way or another. He will never be forgotten, but will always be missed. We love you,Tyler."-
Will Crawford

Tyler was a unique person. He played a major role in my growing up and he was a great friend. I could always count on him and he would do anything for anyone no matter what. He taught me that no matter what kind of situation you're in you don't give up or sulk about it, but you just make the best out of it and never give up. Tyler lived a very full life, probably fuller than mine will ever be. Although Tyler isn't with us anymore, when I come to a problem, I can hear him encouraging me and telling me not to give up, but to keep trying, to take my time and think about what I'm doing. If I could go back, I would only change one thing: I would be sure to tell him that I love him, but since I can't go back I guess Ijust have to say it now and hope he hears me. I LOVE YOU TYLER!!-
Natalie Haddock

Tyler had a smile and a laugh that would just light up a room, and his quick wit was unmatched. Tyler was the brightest student in our grade, and he always seemed one step ahead of everyone else. He was the most perfect person I have ever met. Tyler taught me about how precious life is and to live it to its fullest as he did. Tyler's mother and my mother are both teachers at the elementary school, so we spent every day together after school. Even though he was in a wheelchair, we still played games like basketball and baseball in his mom's classroom. Our basketball and our baseball were beanbags, and we used his mom's paddle as a bat and her lost and found cardboard box as a basket. Tyler and I would also run around school while no one was there. I would push Tyler as fast as I could and jump on the back of the chair. In late November 1990, Tyler was taken from us, and on this day I believe he jumped out of that chair and ran to meet our Savior. The memories Tyler left us were of a person with the greatest courage and strength. I would like to thank God for allowing me the privilege to know Tyler and to have been one of his close friends. Tyler, I miss you and I will always love you.

--Thad Enfinger

Tamesha Hearne



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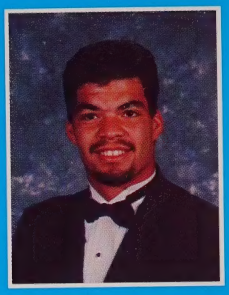

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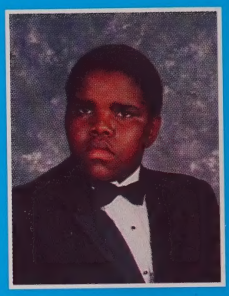

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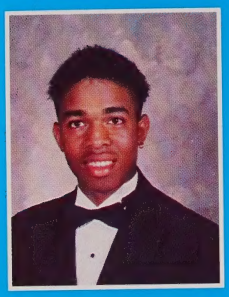

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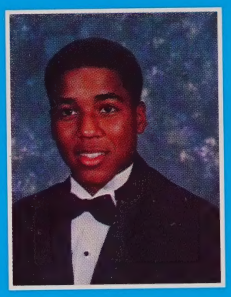

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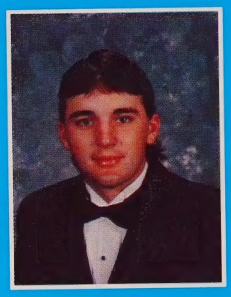

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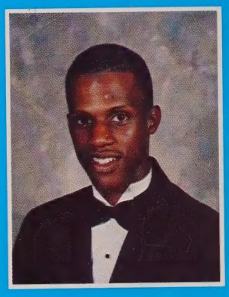

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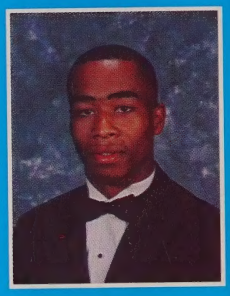

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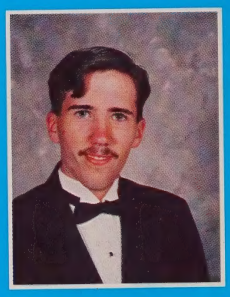

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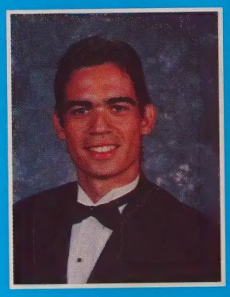

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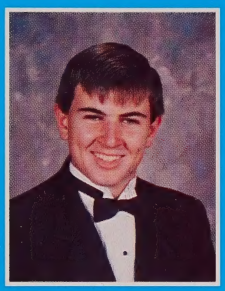

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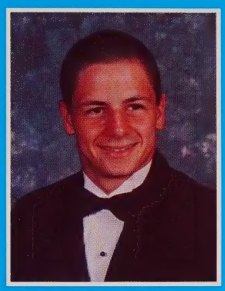

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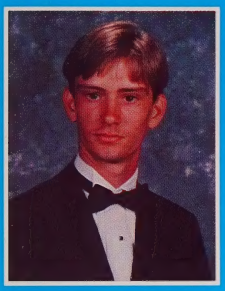

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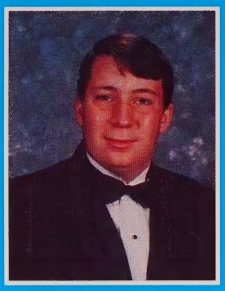

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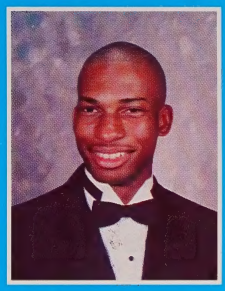

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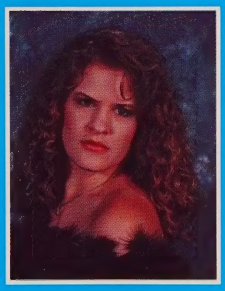

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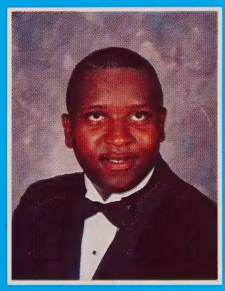


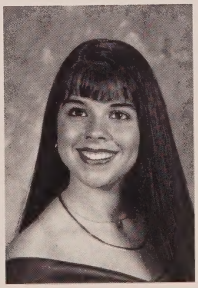
James Potter

Class Motto: What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us.

Class Song: *One Sweet Day* by Mariah Carey and Boyz II Men

Class Flower: White Rose

Class Colors: Hunter Green and Burgundy



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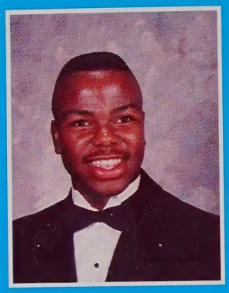
V. President-Amanda Pettis
Secretary-Lisa Blankenship
Treasurer-Amy Moon

Lillian Potter



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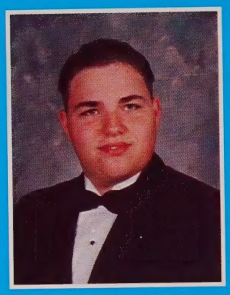

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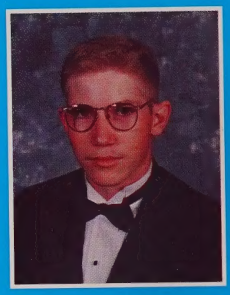

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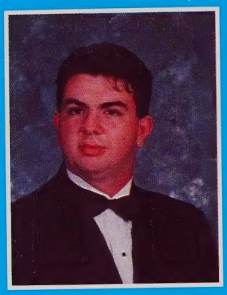

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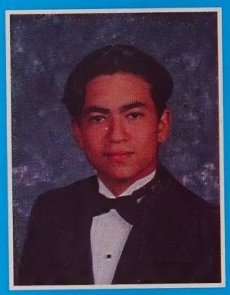

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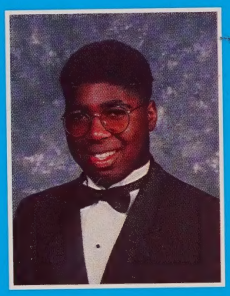

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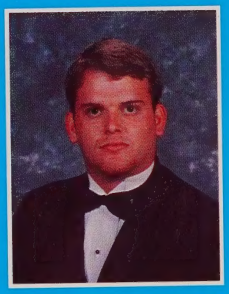

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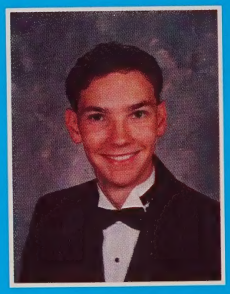

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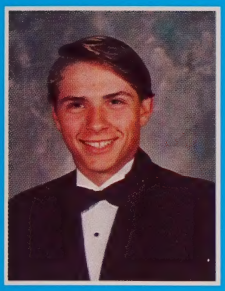

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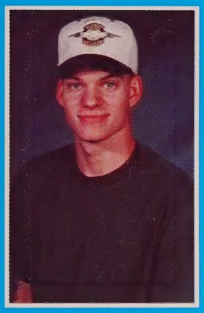
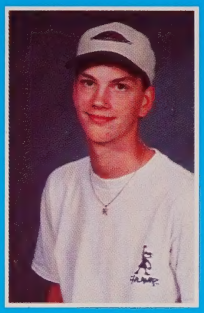
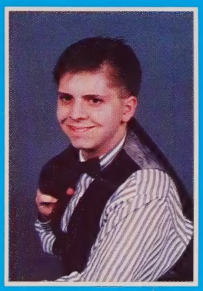
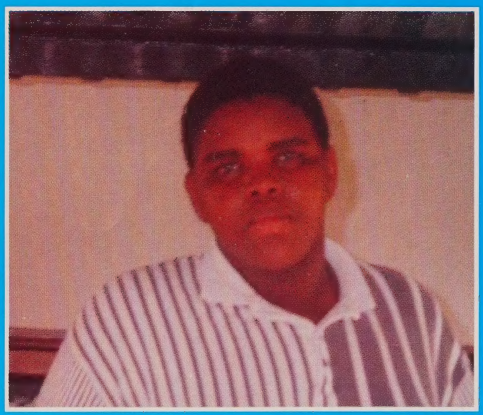




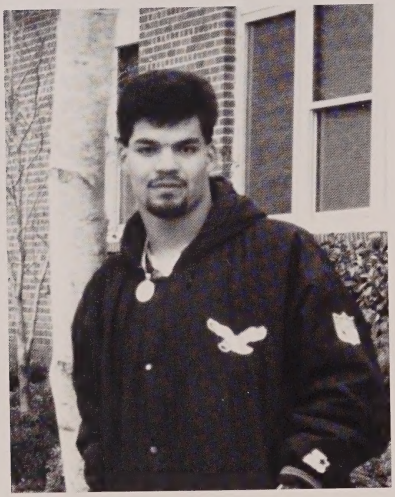


Top left-Seniors show their spirit during the Silly Olympics. From left to right-**Ben Carter**, **Star Gainey**, **Shawn Lewis**, and **Clinton Phillips**.



Center-**Amanda Pettis** wonders "Why am I at school today?" Top-**Michael Jackson** looks like he had a tough day at Vo-Tech. Left-**Jamie Wilson** waves a hello as she goes by in the homecoming parade.

Mr. and Miss VHS



Each year the faculty of Vernon High School nominates students from the Senior Class for Mr. and Miss VHS. The nominees this year were: Will Crawford, Niki Anderson, Lisa Blankenship, Carlos Hernandez, and Joan Miller. Then grades 9-12 voted, choosing this year's Mr. and Miss VHS: Carlos Hernandez and Niki Anderson. Carlos was involved in football, basketball, track, drama, FEA, FCA, and Key Club. Niki was the Key Club President, Inter Club Council President, Bible Club Vice-President. She also was involved in Beta Club and drama. She was also our former Miss Vernon.

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Class Beauties & Cuties

Class beauties and cuties are nominated by their classes. After they are nominated they turn in pictures to be judged by people outside the school. The beauties and cuties for this year are ninth graders Natasha Rodriguez and Richard Day; tenth graders Kim Dozier and Kenny Anderson, and eleventh grade beauty Angela Borrell. Eleventh grade cutie nominees did not turn in pictures.

Far right, top to bottom: Natasha Rodriguez, ninth grade beauty; Richard Day, ninth grade cutie; and Kenny Anderson, tenth grade cutie. At right, Kim Dozier posing for her tenth grade beauty picture.

Above: The eleventh grade beauty Angela Borrell is being held by eleventh grade cutie nominees Tremaine Jackson, Tray Hawkins, and Jason Coatney.

"You musta been a beautiful baby . . . 'cause Baby, look at you now!"

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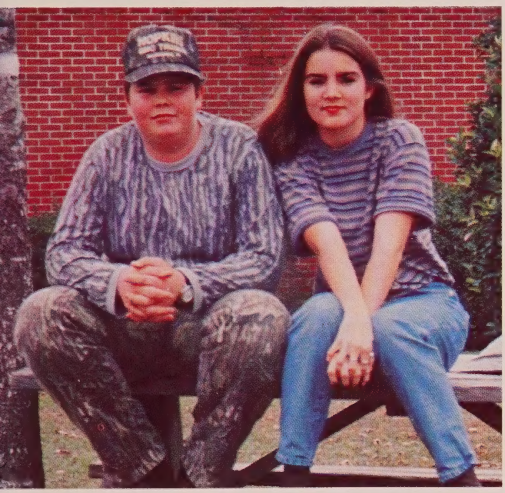
CLASS FAVORITES

Class favorites are nominated by their homeroom and then judged by the whole grade. The class favorites this year are ninth graders Richard Day and Amber Bennett, tenth graders Waylon Yates and Misty Burch, and eleventh graders Ariane Andrews and Katresa Roberts.

At the right are ninth grade favorites Richard Day andAmber Bennett. Both students are very popular and well-liked among their peers.

PLAYin' it Cool

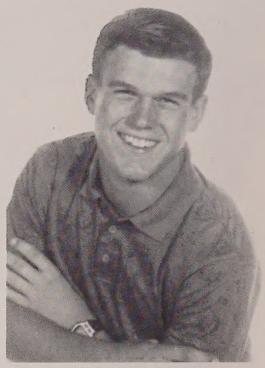


At left, Misty Burch and Waylon Yates are the sophomore class favorites. Above, Ariane Andrews and Katresa Roberts were chosen favoritesby the junior class.

Beauties and Cuties

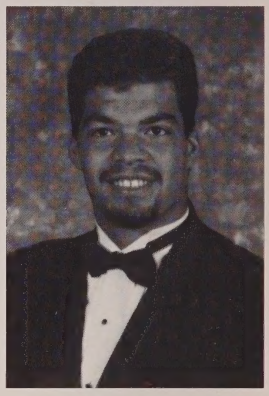
Nicole Anderson

Being chosen as the class beauty or cutie is an honor to these students. The Senior Class nominated those they thought would represent the class well. Each nominee sent pictures to be judged by anonymous judges, who then selected two senior beauties and two senior cuties as are pictured here.



Will Crawford

Karen Gilley



Carlos Hernandez

Favorites

This year's 1995-96 Senior Class Favorites were Karen Gilley and Thad Enfinger. Karen was a member of the varsity volleyball and softball teams and was a varsity cheerleader. She was also active in many clubs. Thad was a member of the varsity football team. Both were chosen by the members of their class by popular vote.

Senior Hall of Fame

Every year there is an elite group of seniors chosen by the VHS faculty for the Senior Hall of Fame. The teachers choose the students they think are in the top 10% of their senior class. These students are chosen on the basis of grade point average, leadership ability, involvement in school activities, enthusiasm, and dependability.

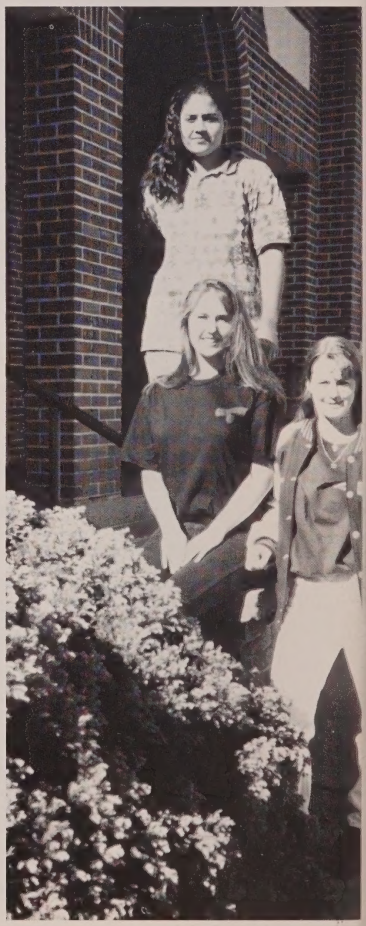
The following students were selected for the Senior Hall of Fame: Melisande Brown, Tynisha Peterson, Joan Miller, Shasta Brock, Lisa Blankenship, Niki Anderson, Carlos Hernandez, Danny Paul, Rusty Weathers, and Will Crawford.

Class of 1996

Class Officers

Class officers are chosen at the beginning of every year. Each grade has its own officers. They are nominated by their homeroom, and then they are voted on by their whole grade and elected to office.

Freshmen class officers are Tiffany Pettis, president; Stephanie Walsingham, secretary-treasurer; and Farrah Ridgeway, vice-president.



Above, sophomore class officers are secretary-treasurer Misty Burch; president Heather Worthington; and vice president Mellissa Tharp. At the right are junior class officers secretary-treasurer Madeline Rodriguez; president Andrea Everitt; and vice president Susan Rash.

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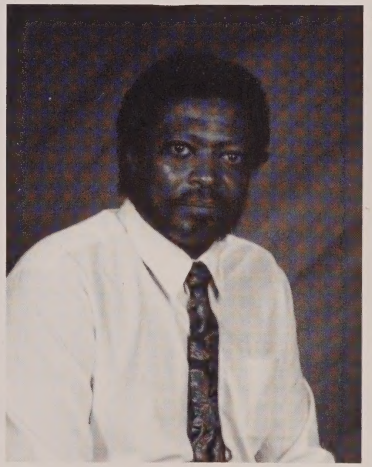
VMS/VHS ADMINISTRATION & FACULTY

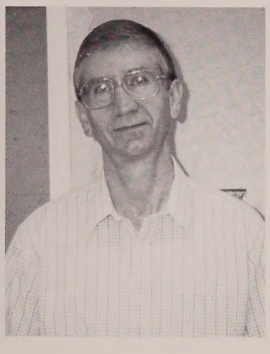
Leadership begins with the administration and faculty of the school. Principal Howard Riley has allowed teachers and students to take part in the decision making process as much as possible and this has led to a very positive atmosphere at Vernon High School and Vernon Middle School. He has tried to make himself more accessible to the students, and met with the Student Council on several occasions. Assistant Principal Robert Maldon had the not-so-fun job of attending to discipline matters, but he, too, always made time to listen to the students. Mrs. Willie Mae Cook, guidance counselor at the high school, was given this year the added responsibility of VMS guidance, but handled her duties with good cheer and an open door to students.

VMS/VHS Principal Howard Riley



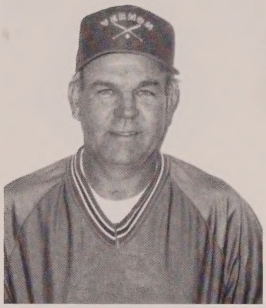
Assistant Principal
Robert Maldon

Guidance Counselor
Willie Mae Cook



Eddie Adams--7th grade Social Studies; Art

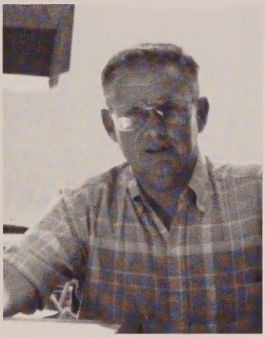
Peggy Adams--8th grade Social Studies



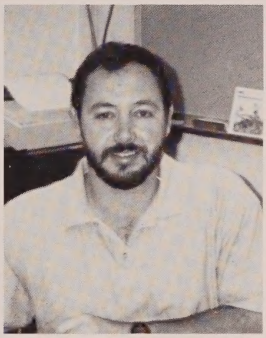
Mac Alford--Science; P.E.

Bill Arndt--School Resource Officer

Merle Bonner--History



Michael Brock--Biology; Chemistry; Princ. of Tech



Charles Brown--History; Drop-out Prevention

Priscilla Brown--ISS

Sally Bush--English; Journalism

Mary Cholerton--7th grade English

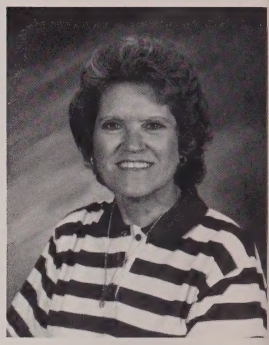
Freida Cook--7th grade Math; Pre-Algebra

Sandra Cook--Algebra I; Consumer Math

Bobbie Dawson--Business

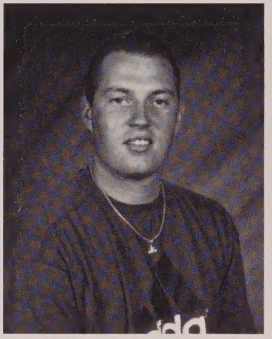
Joyce Dorch--Bookkeeper

Linda Faison--L.D.; Middle School Reading/Writing



Norma Frost--Middle School Aide

Janice Graves--8th grade Math; Pre-Algebra

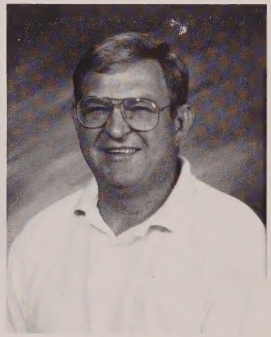


Brad Hall--Middle School P.E.

Shirley Haviland--Middle School Secretary

Debbie Lloyd--Geometry; Algebra II; Trig; Calculus

Val Parrish--ESE



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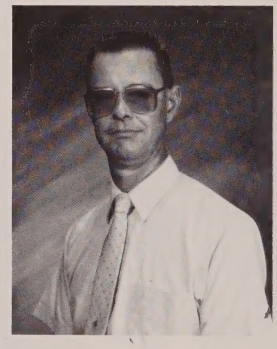

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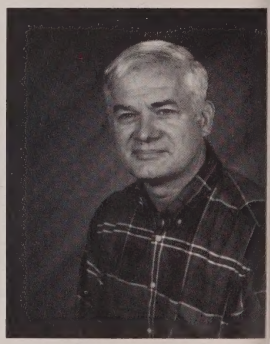
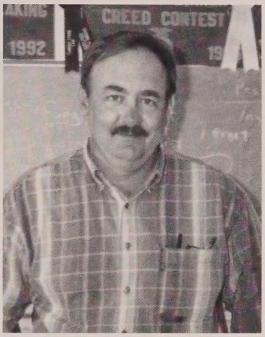


Larry Pippen--ESE

Hazel Pittman--Business

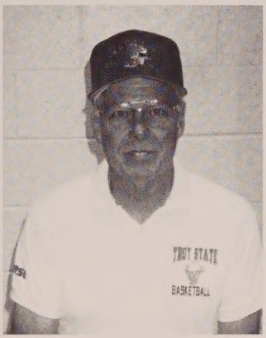
Kim Register--LMS; P.E.

Sabra Shores--English



Hiram Tison--Agriculture

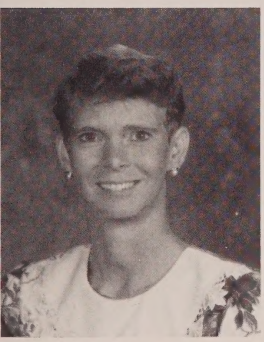
Judy Tison--High School Secretary



Aaron Todd--P.E.; Drivers' Education

Jerry Tyre--History; American Gov't; Econ.

Linda Tyre--8th grade English

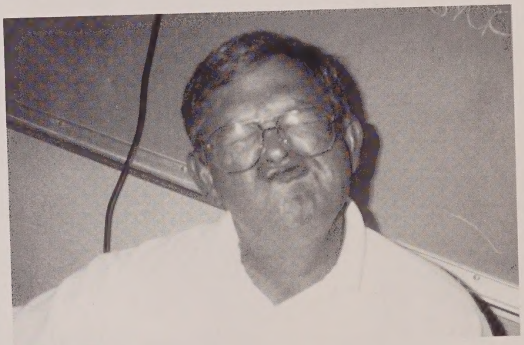


Angela Sexton--Middle School Science

Miss Lloyd smilingly explains that pesky Algebra II problem to Tremaine.

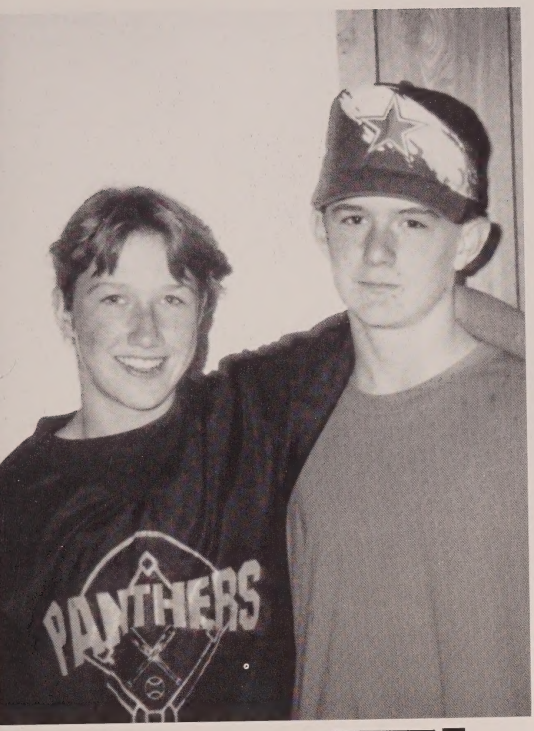
CAFETERIA WORKERS

BUS DRIVERS



Above, teaching unruly kids has finally gotten the best of Mr. Patterson! Miss Lloyd is giving that look that says, "You'd better hurry and take that picture and then get in your seat." Right, Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Faison seem to be having problems with the freshman float.

Vernon Middle Student Life



Valentine King and Queen

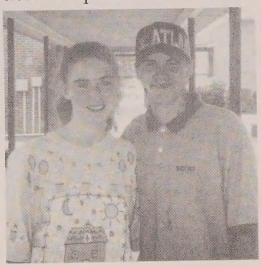
Donavan Duty and Randall Garner were chosen to be King and Queen.

Just Chillin'

Domingo Hernandez takes a break in front of the fan during P.E

Cute Couple

Emily Parish and C.C. Linton get close for a picture.



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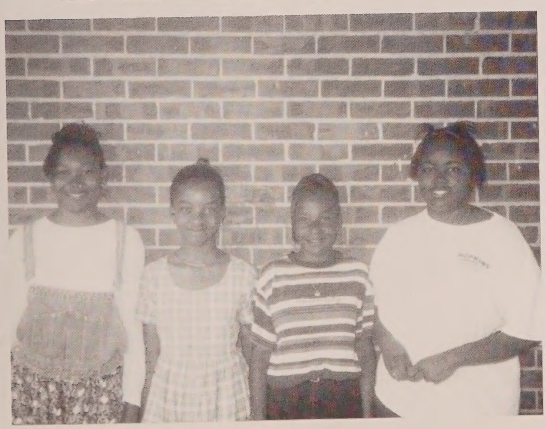
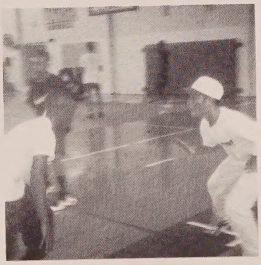




Horsing Around

James Johnson, Phillip Brown, Kris Watson, and Rick Buswell try to prove their masculinity!

Playing B-Ball

Brent Potter and Christon Birge go for a quick game of one-on one.

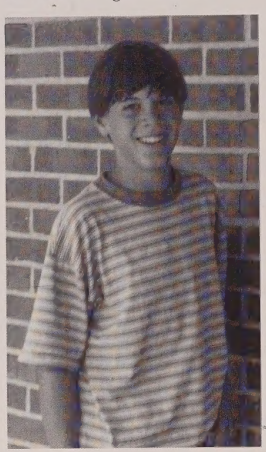
The Go Girls

Christy Broxton, Torie Simmons, Shakayla Everett, Vionka Taylor are caught standing around at break.

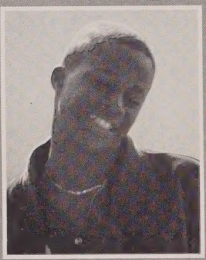
STUDENT LIFE

BEST FRIENDS
Eighth graders Kristen Lovett and Donavan Duty appear to be good friends as they show off just a little bit.

STANDING AROUND
Seventh grader Marcus Paprzycki is caught taking his time to escape from class.
Is it that boring, Marcus?



Different Clubs; Different Faces



"I want to learn what it takes to be a Future Business Leader. Leading a business is really magnficent ."

Brent Potter
Future Business Leaders of America

"I like being in the Bible Club, because I enjoy spending time with other Christians and learning more about God's word."

Emily Parish

Bible Club

"I enjoy being in the Math Club and participating in the activities. I also like being in the FBLA because we do a lot of fun things."

Jennifer Rodriguez

Math Club

"I like being secretary since I can help keep up with the different things that go on."

Dawn Finch

Student Council

Class

Sabrina Glover and David C
for the seventh grade.

Jennifer Rodriguez and Te
the eighth grade class fav

Above: Kristen Lovett was picked for class beauty for the eighth grade. Kristen is in cheerleading and softball.

To the left: Jessica Reddick was chosen to be seventh grade beauty. Jessica is active in cheerleading. She also won a Model Search contest from Glamour Shots. She is proof that a pretty face can go a long way!

Class Beauties

LE SCHOOL: EIGHTH GRADE

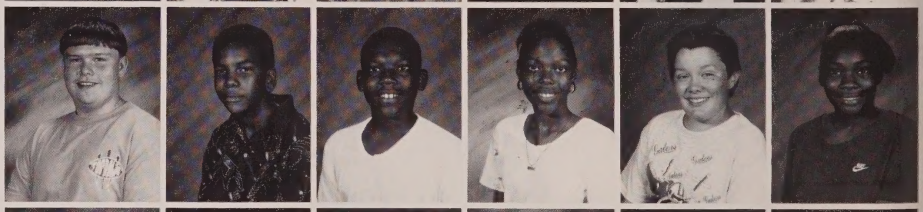
PLAYin' it Cool

Donavan Duty and Sarah Pate volunteer to take the recyclables for the Student Council project.

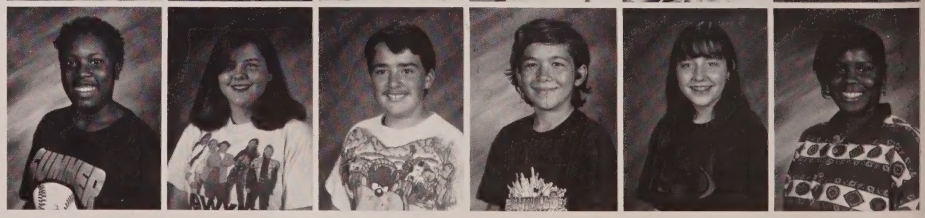
The girls' sixth period P.E. class took time to pose for a picture.

Martha Alford
Jackie Andrews
Victor Baker
Tasha Best
Christon Birge
Amy Boyce

William Boyett
Jamaal Brown
Robert Brown
Valarie Brown
Thomas Broxton
Kristi Campbell



Tomika Campbell
Mary Carter
Dustin Castells
Kevin Cheverie
Callie Coatney
Aysha Coleman



Rodgers Coleman
Carey Collins
Stephen Cotten
Lori Creel
Jennifer Cureton
Jamie Davis

Dawna Douglas
Richard Dugger
Donavan Duty
Grace Ellis
Stacey Evans
Tommy Farmer

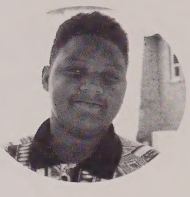
Dawn Finch
Marcus Finch
Clint Gainey
Randall Garner
Christy Gill
Jeremy Groves

Brenda Hamilton
David Hammock
Shelese Hammack
Marla Harrell
Jamie Haskins
Angela Haynes

Steven Hess
Alex Jackson
Jesse Johnson
Anna Kirkland
Charles Linton
Caleb Lovett

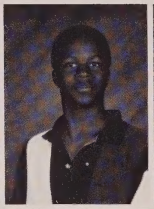
Kristen Lovett
Jake Miller
Ron Mills
Marty Moore
Regina Page
Emily Parish

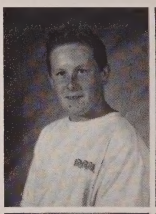
Sarah Pate
Adam Patterson
Brandon Paul
James Pease
Larissa Peterson
Terron Peterson

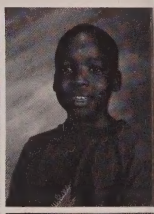


Donavan Duty, Torrey Andrews, Callie Coatney, Kristy Campbell, and Christon Birge. Far right, Marla Harrell won the Panther Pride award for the fourth six weeks. Only one student receives this award per six weeks.

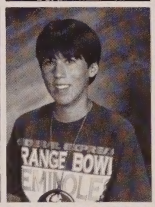
Matthew Phillips
Brent Potter
Johnny Pruett
Rebecca Purvis
Chris Reinhardt
O'Bryant Robinson



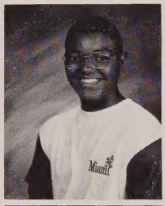


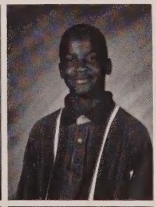


Jennifer Rodriguez
Jessica Rogers
Rebecca Rummings
Theresa Schulz
Raymond Sheffield
Ashley Skinner

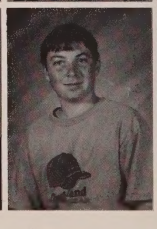


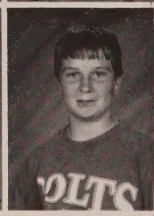
Brennis Smith
Jessica Smith
Jaron Steward
Jennifer Story
Johnathan Story
Jason Suits





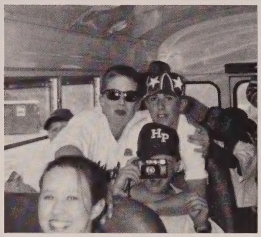
Lisa Williams
Melissa Williams
Sondra Williams
J.R. Williamson
James Worthington
Jonah Worthington





Seventh Grade in Action!

The VMS cheerleaders jump and yell for the guys after a touchdown



7th gr. on their way to Six Flags!

J. Johnson waits on the return.

Above: After the Health Fair the middle school attends the last softball game of the year.

Chad Whitaker, Ashley Smith, Pam Marshall, Sabrina Glover, and Ryan Sparks crowd around Sylvester to pose for a picture.

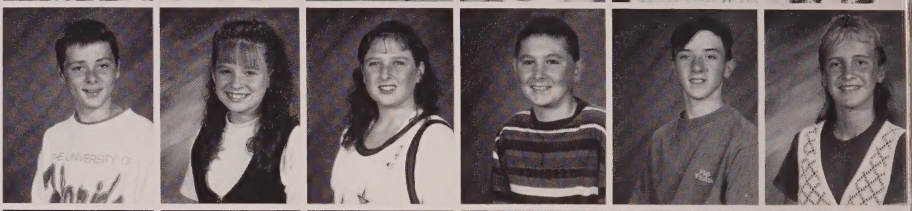
Alan Anderson
Taurean Andrews
Torrey Andrews
Francisco Aquilera
Jessica Atkins
Heather Austin

Latasha Bell
Phillip Brown
Christy Broxton
Rick Buswell
Joshua Causey
Nathan Cheverie

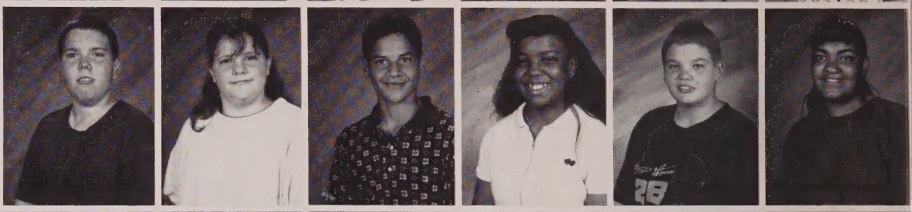
Kristie Church
Sakema Coleman
Jerry Cone
John Cook
David Creel
Ricky Cureton

Daniel Curington
Danny Czinski
Jesse Dalton
Candice Day
Stephanie Day
Shakayla Everett

Don Finch
Elizabeth French
Amanda Gay
Joseph Gilley
David Gilpin
Sabrina Glover



Chuck Griffith
Catherine Harcus
Domingo Hernandez
Claudia Hogans
James Holley
Wendy Holmes



Tony Howard
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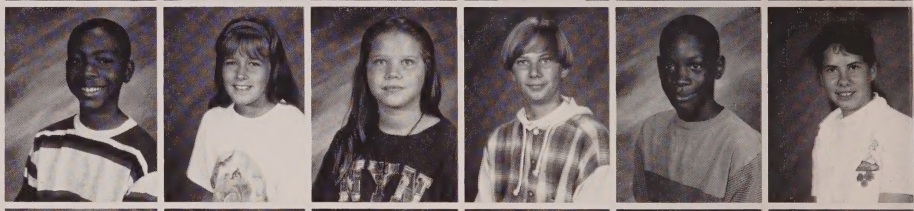
Jennifer Hughes
Sean Ireland
Courtney Jackson
Jessica Jasso



Andrew Johnson
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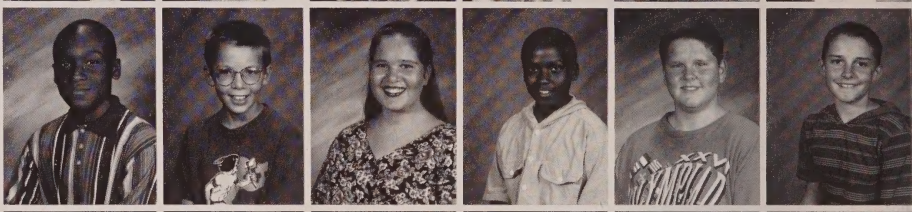
Tina Jones
Alterek Kennedy
Justin King
Michael King



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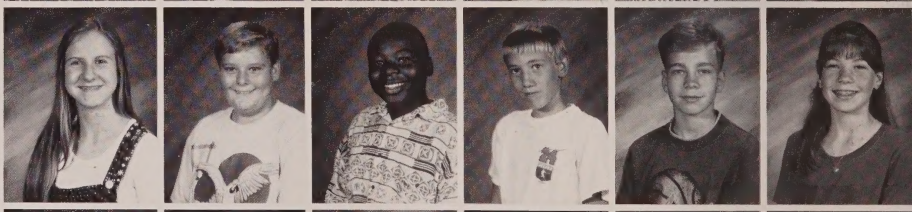
M.J. Locklear
Kendrick Long
Jason Maggard
Jeremy Marcum
Laura Marschka



Pamela Marshall
Mitchell Matney
Dane Mongoven
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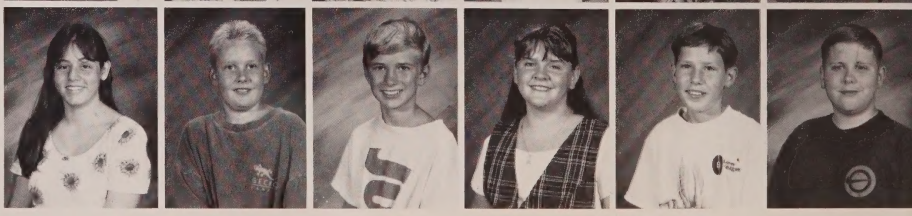
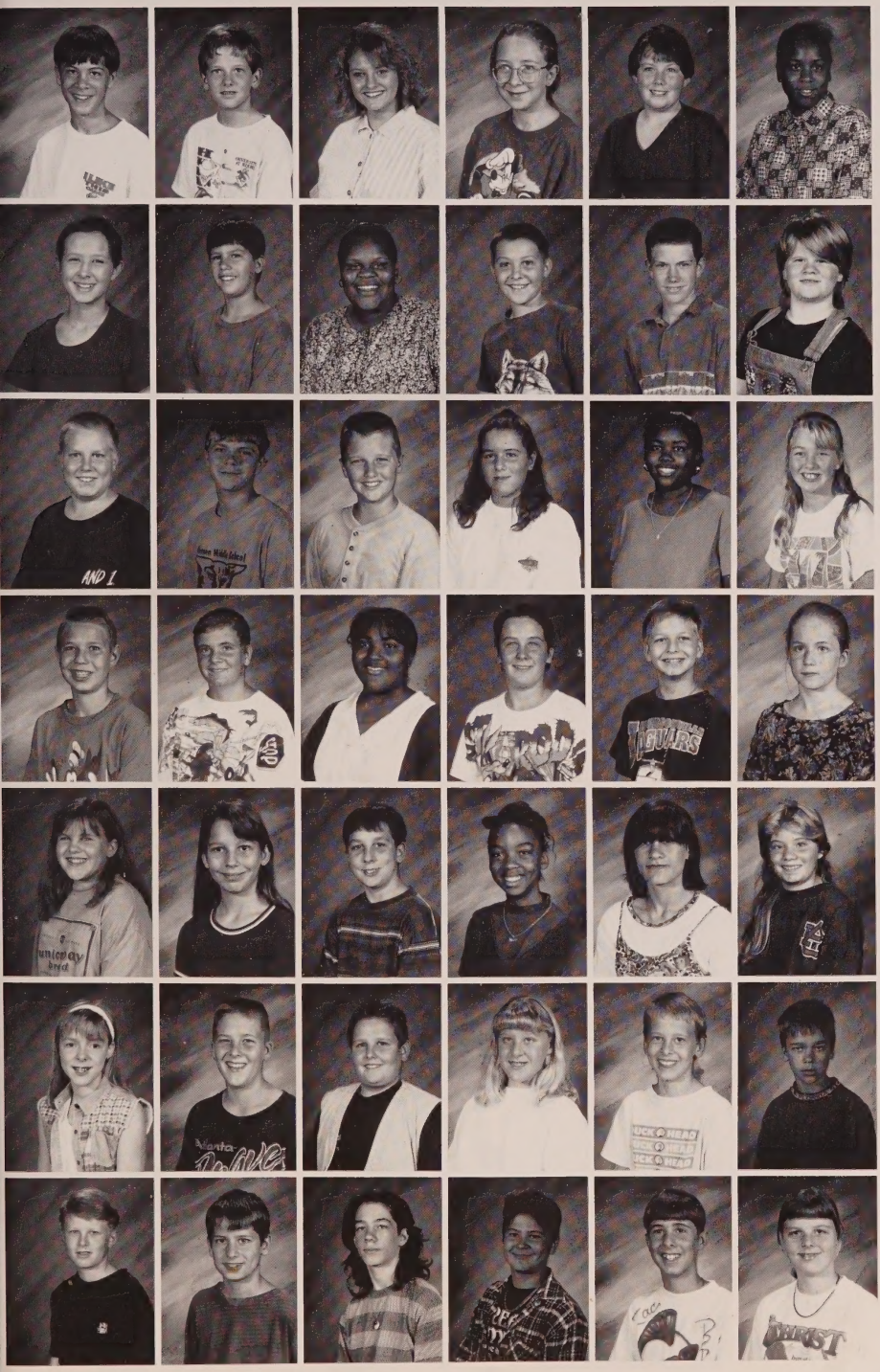
Daryl Morris
Andrew Odom





Marcus Paprzycki
Jesse Paridon
Susie Pettis
Victoria Pinkham
Melissa Pitts
Lukesha Ramsey

Jessica Reddick
Franklin Register
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Jacob Rodgers
Byron Saturley
Joline Scarborough

Michael Sciolino
Michael Seidel
Rodney Shackelford
Somer Sheffield
Torie Simmons
Ashley Smith

Nathan Smith
Timothy Smith
Twila Smith
Ryan Sparks
Jeremy Stage
Erin Stevens

Tiffany Stufflestreet
Nicky Swinehart
Brandon Taylor
Vionka Taylor
Becky Thomas
Melissa Tinley

Elizabeth Vaughn
Jeremy Vaughn
Nathan Villars
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Chris Watson
Tony Weldon

Chad Whitaker
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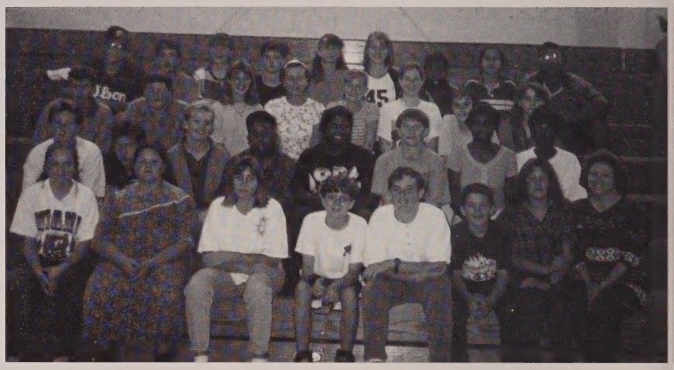
Jerrik Yates
Zack Yates
Misty Young

Middle School Clubs



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Members of Middle School FBLA are pictured at right.

Below: Members of the Math and Science Club are: Jessica Reddick, Andrew Odom, Jeremy Vaughn, Ashley Smith, Philip Brown, Laura Marschka, Zac Yates, Pam Marshall, Sabrina Glover, Richard Buswell, Daryl Morris, Justin King, Jeremy Stage, Micheal King, Chad Whittaker, Jennifer Ward, Amanda Lewellen, Wendy Holmes, Nathan Smith, JR Aquilera, Jessica Atkins Beth Vaughn, Nicky Swinehardt, Ryan Sparks, Claudia Hogans, Vickie Pinkham, Somer Sheffield, Heather Austin, David Gilpin, Torrie Simmons, Jennifer Hughes, Tony Howard, Jesse Paridon, Brandon Taylor, John Cook, Mike Sciolino, Twila Smith, Tiffany Stufflestreet, Jennifer Moon, and Vionka Taylor.

Members of the Middle School FFA are Donavon Duty, Jessica Smith, Clint Gainey, Christy Gill, Sabrina Glover, Sarah Pate, Ron Mills, Jonathon Cook, Jamie Haskins, Jake Miller, Sondra Williams, Anna Kirkland, Lori Creel, Chris Reinhardt, Martha Alford, Jason Suits, Richard Dugger, Shelese Hammock, Kristen Lovett, J.R. Williamson, and Jennifer Story.

Middle School Bible Club

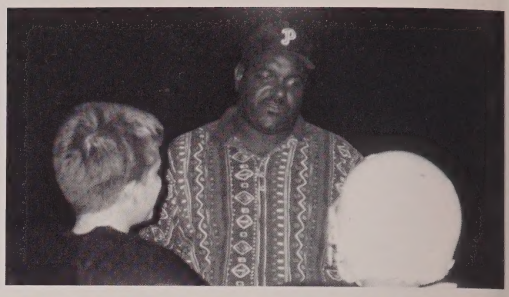
The members of theMiddle School Honor Society are Jackie Andrews, Kristen Lovett, Dustin Castells, Brent Potter, Tasha Best, Jamaal Brown, Emily Parish, Valarie Brown, Jessica Rogars, Robert Brown, Kristie Campbell, Rebecca Purvis, Brandon Paul, Aysha Coleman, Sarah Pate, Dawn Finch, James Worthing, Jessica Smith, Donavon Duty, Marla Harrell, and Randall Garner.

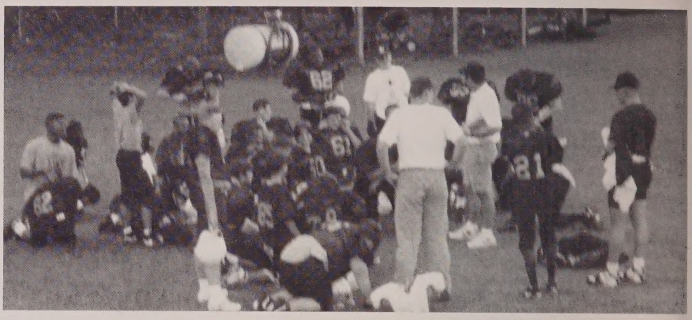
The Members of the Middle School Student Council are pictured above in no particular order: Kristen Lovett- President; Ashley Smith- President; Dawn Finch- Secatery; Jessica Rogars- Treasurer; Senators- Marla Harrell, Sabrina Glover. Representatives- Donavon Duty, Brandon Paul, Randall Garner, Dustin Castells, Sarah Pate, Brennis Smith, Kendrick Long, Joline Scarborough, Laura Marschka, Pam Marshall, Chad Whitaker, Ryan Sparks,and David Gilpin.

MORE Than You'd Expect

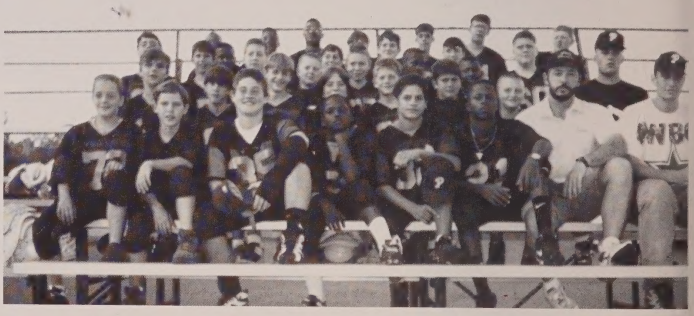
MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS

Right: Coach Bruce Smith gives a pep talk to two players during the game.
Below Left: Mary Worthington, Donna Gilpin, and Carolyn Cook-moms and volunteers.
Below right: The Middle School Football Team must listen to Coach Brown prior to their last game of the season.

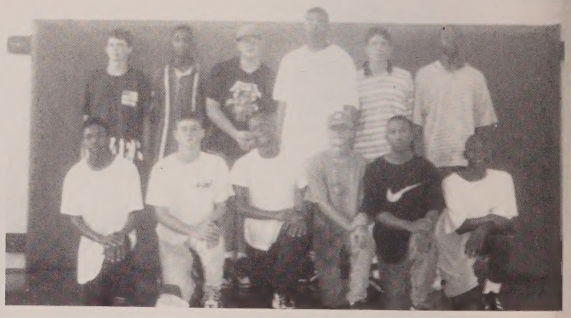




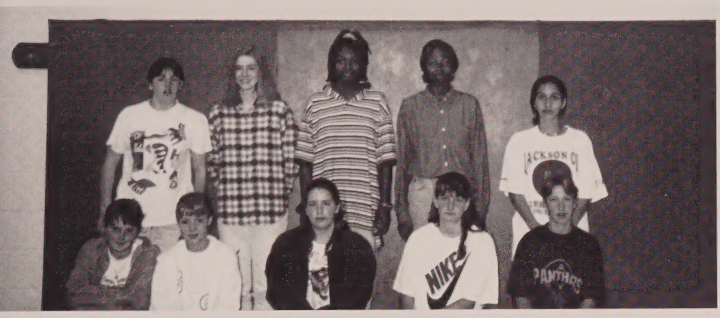
The members of the Middle School Football Team are (in no particular order): Brennis Smith, Will Boyett, Jake Miller, Tommy Farmer, Stacy Evans, Dustin Castells, Alex Jackson, Brent Potter, Terron Peterson, Robert Brown, Randall Garner, Clint Gainey, Caleb Lovett, Christen Birge, Marty Moore, Franklin Register, David Gilpin, Domingo Hernandez, Rodney Shackelford, Justin King, Torrey Andrews, Torrean Andrews, Michael Sciolino, Michael Sidel, Jeremy Vaughn, Nathan Smith, Marcus Paprzycki, Alterek Kennedy, Andrew Johnson, Jesse Paridon, Rick Cureton, Philip Brown, Daryl Morris, and J.R. Aguilera. Also pictured are coaches Charles Brown, Brad Hall, and Allen Kennard.



The Seventh Grade members of the Middle School Basketball Team are (not in order) : Phillip Brown, Franklin Register, Domingo Hernandez, David Gilpin, Andrew Johnson, Dane Mongoven, Chad Whitaker, Michael Sciolino, John Cook, Rick Cureton, Tony Howard, Brandon Taylor, and Daryl Morris.



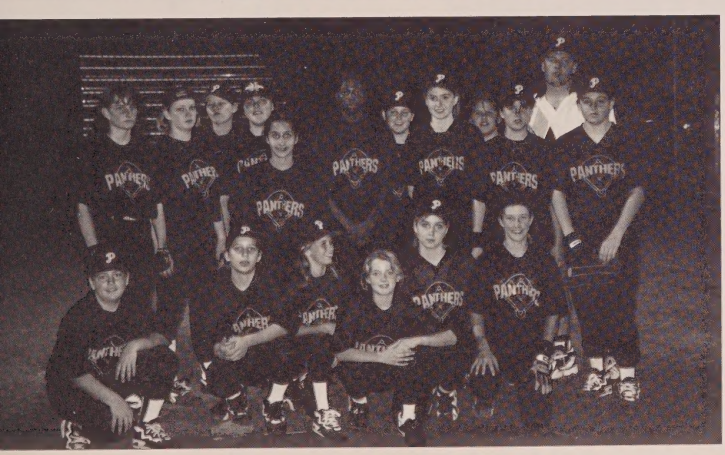
The Eighth Grade members of the Middle School Basketball Team are (not in order): Clint Gainey, Brent Potter, Terron Peterson, Jamaal Brown, Brennis Smith, Caleb Lovett, Christon Birge, J.D. Steward, Robert Brown, Brandon Paul, Randall Garner, Alex Jackson, Daniel Sady, Will Boyett, Tommy Farmer, Sharmaine Scott, and Jake Miller.



The Members of the Middle School Girls Basketball Team are: Jennifer Rodriguez, Marla Harrell, Donavon Duty, Kristie Campbell, Valarie Brown, Tomika Campbell, Aysha Coleman, Angela Haynes, Theresa Shutz, Vionka Taylor, Beth Vaughn, Somer Sheffield, Saykema Coleman, Pamela Marshall, Ashley Smith, Heather Austin, and Jennifer Johnson.

The Middle School Cheerleaders are pictured at the left, practicing one of the stunts they perform at football and basketball games.

Cheerleading Captain: Kristen Lovett
Co- Captain: Sabrina Groves



The Members of the Middle School Softball Team are: Donavon Duty, Jessica Smith, Kristen Lovett, Jessica Atkins, Marla Harrell, Valarie Brown, Jennifer Rodriguez, Angela Haynes, Emily Parish, Shelse Hammock, Sarah Pate, Ashley Skinner, Crystal Howel, Stephanie Day, Tiffany Stufflestreet, Nickie Swinehart, Jennifer Hughes, Robin Chestnut, and Heather Austin.

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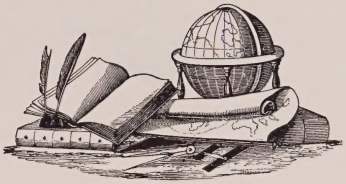

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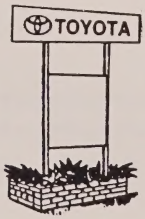

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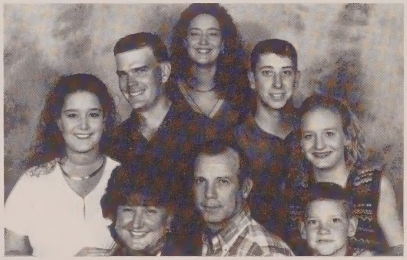

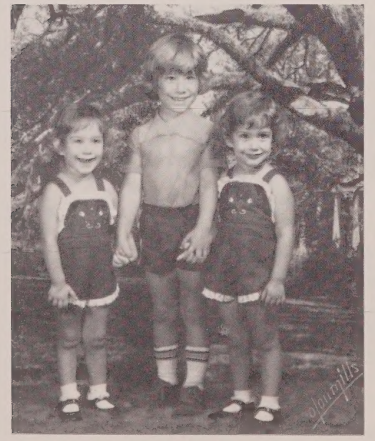

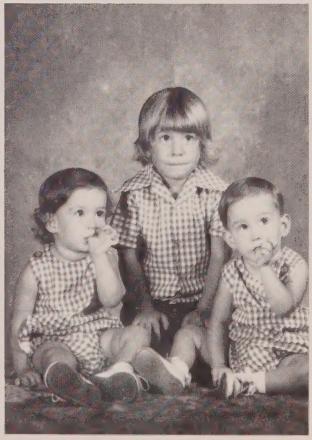

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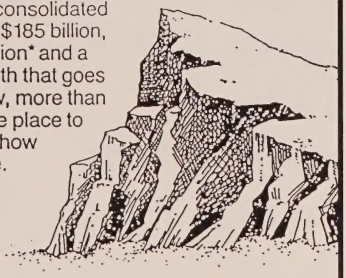

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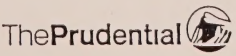

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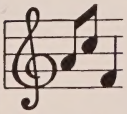

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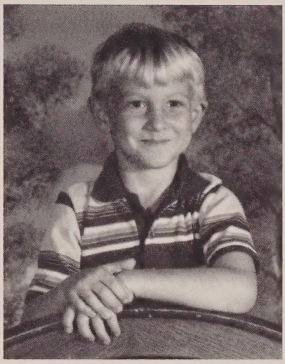
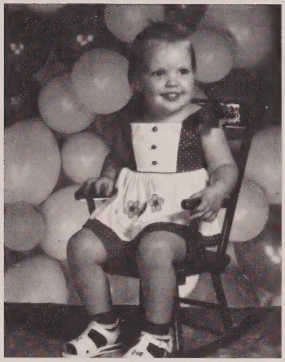
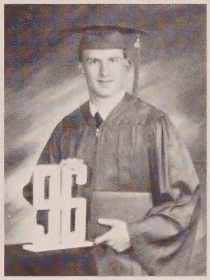




To Our Son, Lonnie:
We look to you with hope
and pride:
We see your future brightly.
Your deep concerns and
aspirations,
We will not take lightly.

Remember that you're not
alone--
Our love is always there.
The challenge that defines
your life,
Our hearts will gladly share.

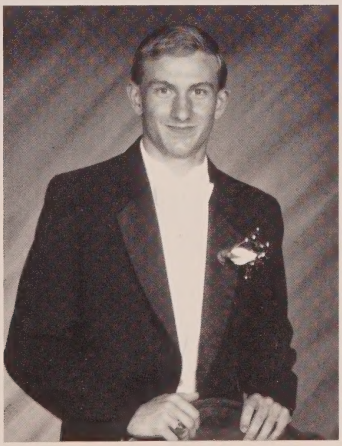
You're on a voyage into time,
A trip to somewhere new.
You may not always see us
there,
But we'll be there for you!
We love you,
Mom & Dad

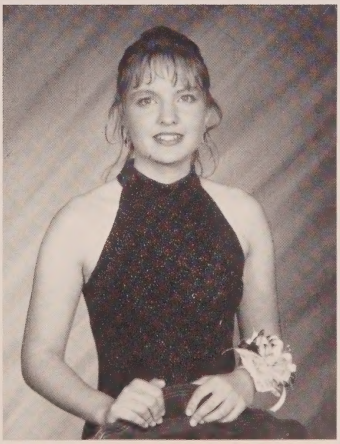


Dear Lisa,

You have been such a joy in our lives. We watched you grow to become the young woman that you are, and we're very proud and happy to call you our child. Hold fast to truth and your faith in God, and you will find happiness and joy and have great success. We're always here for you and no matter how many years go by, you'll always be our little girl.

All our love,
Mom & Buddy





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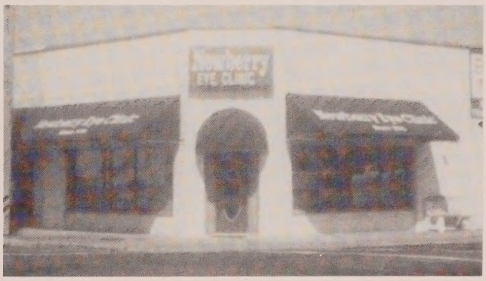

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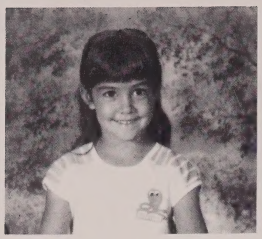

Amanda,
Congratulations! You finally made it! Being your parents doesn't mean we are always right. There is so much out in this world for you so set your goals and go for it. We are very proud of you. Keep God with you wherever you go.

We love you a lot

Mom, Dad & Natasha

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Amanda A. Pettis

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Dear Karen,

Eighteen years ago, God blessed our life with a beautiful gift. That gift was you! We gave you back to God and trusted Him to keep you, and through His grace you developed into a beautiful and kind young lady. Never could we have imagined the love and pride you would bring to our lives. As you graduate from high school, we have never been more proud to call you our daughter. **We love you with all our heart!**

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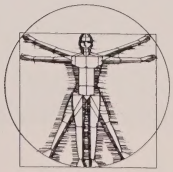

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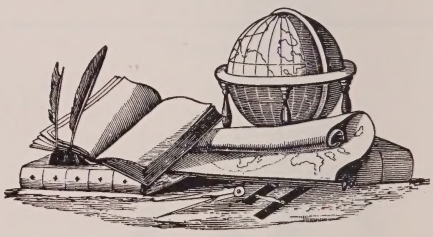

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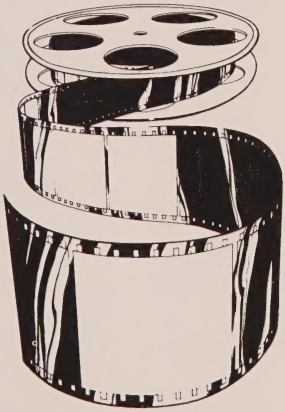

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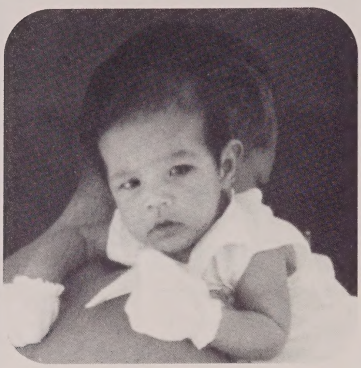
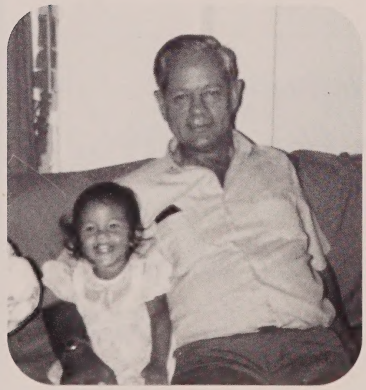


Joan,

Congratulations on beginning a new path in your life! You have accomplished so much over the years that I know you will continue to make me proud . Remember to strive to do your best and reach for your goals.

I love you,
Mom



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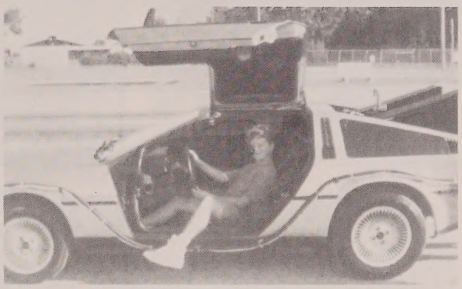

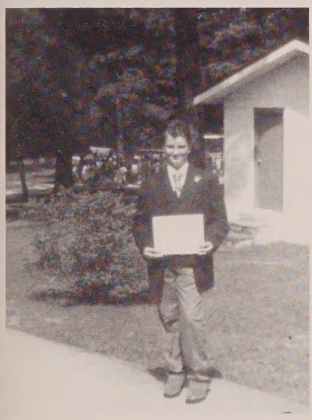

Shawn,

Congratulations! We are so proud of you. It seems like you were born just yesterday, and today you are proving yourself a man. This is one of the many great achievements we know you will accomplish. All you have to do is go where God leads you.

We will always be there for you and love you with all our hearts.

--Dad, Mom,
Chelinia, Grandma Louise,
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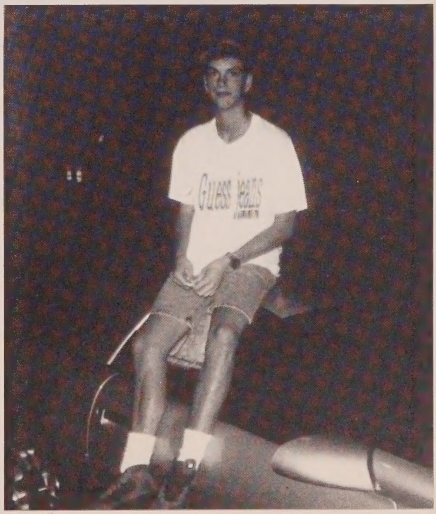
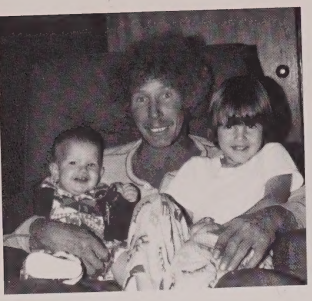
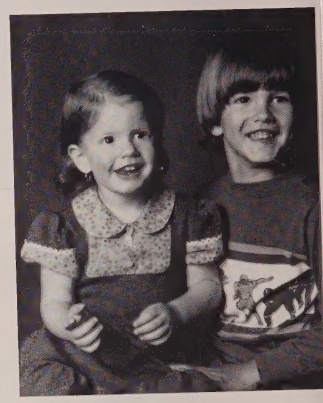






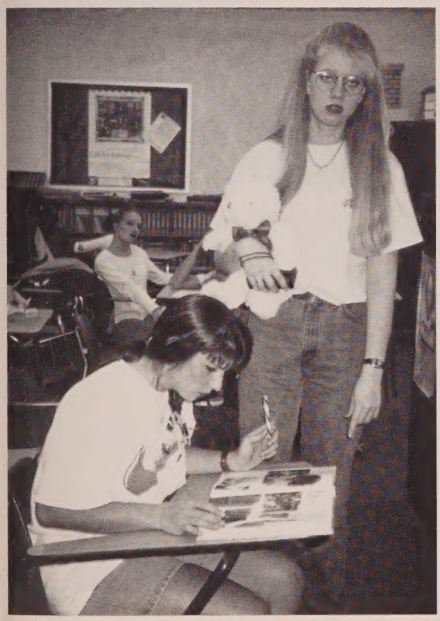
Amy McDade

Congratulations, Amy! We love you and are so proud of you. We hope you keep all of your goals set high, because we know you will go far in life.

We love you,
Mama, Dad & Frank

Never Before Never Again

There has never before been a class like the class of 1996. Throughout the years we have made friends that will last a lifetime, found true love, broken each others hearts, partied together, and grieved together. We have made many memories over the past year. In sports we won our homecoming game and our basketball and baseball teams made it to regionals. Academically, VHS students have excelled in numerous math, English, and club competitions, and 29% of the senior class graduated with honors or high honors. The class of '96 has made an indelible mark on VHS, one that will never be erased.



Left: Rory Peterson is caught on camera playing with paper in Ms. Lloyd's geometry class.

Bottom left: Ronnie Jackson stops to contemplate having his picture taken.

Below: Candice Kirk is having her mind challenged by one of Mrs. Cook's many puzzles.

Top: Thad Enfinger tries to look studly for the camera, Tracey Thompson seems to be somewhere in space, and Rebecca Lovett is doing what we all know she does best.

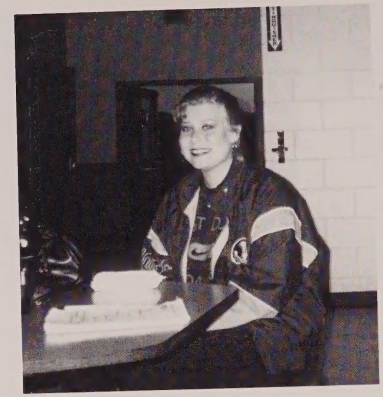
Above: Molly Carter looks sleepy with her teddy bear in her hand. Time for beddy- bye Molly? Ashley Zurica is thinking about how much better Vernon is than Chipley as she browses through the Chipley yearbook.

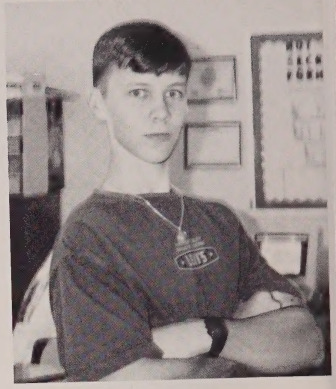
Right: Mandy Davidson is finally caught in the act of studying. Now you have proof Mandy!

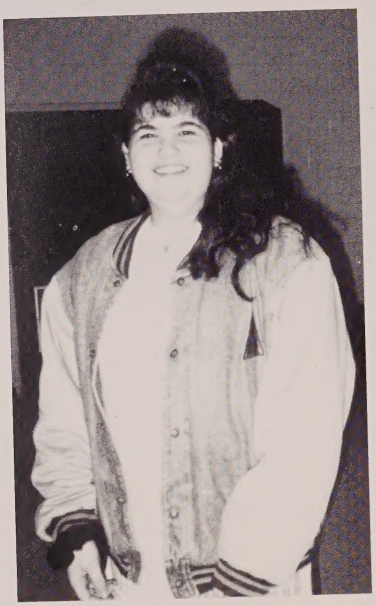
Below: Stacy takes a moment out of her busy schedule to flash a smile for the camera.

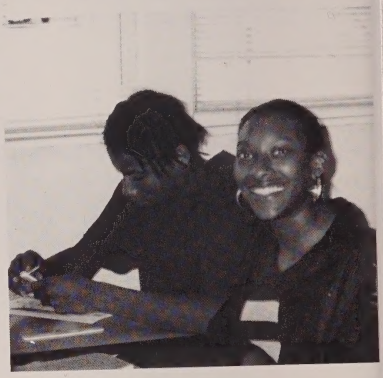
Middle: Racheal Williams seems to be saying "Don't look at me. I didn't cook it."

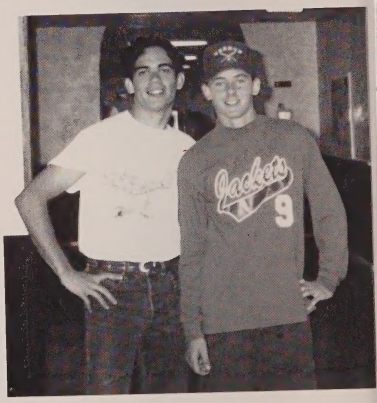
Bottom middle: Tyreka Troublefield is caught with a suspicious look on his face. What have you done now Tyreka?











Goodbye from the 1995-1996 Jacket Buzz yearbook staff.

Top: Jeremy Sapp is striking a studly pose for the yearbook camera.

Above middle: Kenji Andrews and Jocelyn Green seem to have different study habits as Kenji ignores the camera and continues working, but Jocelyn decides to flash us a pretty smile.

Above: Jesús Milán is shown the ropes of Vernon High School by none other than Jeremy Pelfrey. Wonder if he learned anything?

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